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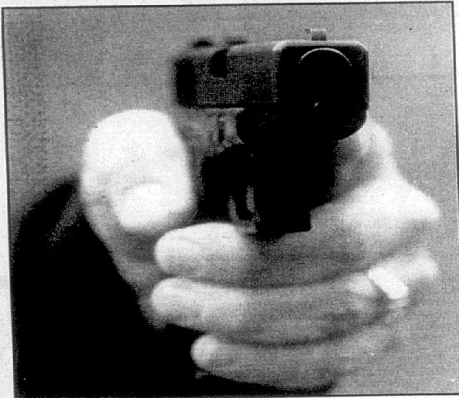
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Crime numbers continue to drop



Officials pleased with trend

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

While crime rates continued downward in Madison County, some cities showed large increases in certain categories. "Crime In Illinois," a yearly survey of statewide statistics, showed decreases in most crime rates throughout the state.

Countywide, the crime rate fell 9.4 percent, to 4,824 per 100,000. The total number of incidents reported fell to 11,195 from 12,353.

The number of murders in Madison County remained unchanged at eight. There were increases in three areas: criminal sexual assault, up 9.5 percent; aggravated battery and assault, up 22.1 percent; and motor vehicle theft, up 9 percent. Categories showing decreases included: robbery, down 6.8 percent; burglary, down 13.9 percent; and theft, down 12.6 percent.

Locally, the Tri-City area showed decreases higher than state or county averages, but some categories showed dramatic increases.

One reason for some of the high rates of increase is the small number of crimes in a specific category.

GRANITE CITY showed a decrease of 10.2 percent. No murders or arsons were reported in 1997.

Statistics were: criminal sexual assault, to 29 from 19 — up 52 percent; robbery, to 24 from 38 — down 36 percent; assault and battery, to 123 from 96 — up 28 percent; burglary, to 315 from 123 (See CRIME, Page 6A)

Crime down statewide

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

ILLINOIS

Recently released statistics show that Illinois crime decreased by almost 2.6 percent in 1997, continuing a downward trend over five of the past six years.

"Crime In Illinois," the annual report by the Illinois State Police, showed decreases in all major categories of crime — violent crimes such as murder, criminal sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault and aggravated battery; and property crimes such as burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson.

The crime rate decreased 2.6 percent, to 5,245.8 per 100,000.

Downstate crime was down 3.8 percent from 1996,

while Chicago saw a 1 percent decrease. The only increase in downstate crime categories was a 1 percent increase in criminal sexual assaults, to 4,033 from 3,994.

Statewide, violent crimes were down 4.3 percent over 1996, and decreased 5.4 percent in downstate areas.

Property crimes showed decreases of 2.3 percent for the state and 3.6 percent downstate.

ISF Director Terrance W. Gainer credited effective community policing and problem-solving strategies, more police officers, and parental and community involvement as some of the (See STATE, Page 6A)

Papal visit has region ecstatic

By Scott Kelly
and Mark Hodapp
Staff writers

Pope John Paul II is coming to the St. Louis area in January, and area Catholics are jubilant.

The Pope, the head of the Catholic Church, will visit St. Louis Jan. 26, 1999 and may possibly hold Mass in the Trans World Dome. The Vatican in Rome informed Archbishop Justin Rigali of St. Louis Thursday of the Pontiff's visit.

St. Louis Mayor Clarence Harmon estimated that as many as 600,000 people from across the Midwest may come to St. Louis to see the Pope.

In the Granite City area, Catholics at Holy Family Church, 2606 Washington Ave., will be preparing for his visit.

"It's a great opportunity for all of us to search for justice and peace," said the Rev. Tom Wise of Holy Family.

Though the Pope will possibly spend much if not all of his short visit in the St. Louis archdiocese, and Wise said Holy Family will undoubtedly hear from the archbishops of both the St. Louis and Springfield (Ill.) dioceses as plans for the visit become more clear.

"It will be a time for renewal," Wise said.

Betty Huelmann, a secretary at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, was elated by the announcement.

"I already have asked

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The Rev. Tom Wise
Holy Family

Father (William) Huppa for the day off to see him," she said. "He said sure."

No details are final on where he will visit.

Huelmann said wherever the pope visits, it will create excitement.

"His visit is already making the headlines," she said.

The Rev. Thomas Barrett of St. George Church in New Baden called the pope's event "a notable event."

Barrett said he once tried to see the pope while on vacation in Rome. But the pope was visiting Germany at the time.

Barrett said he hopes to see the pope while in St. Louis. He compared the pope's visit to that of a world official, or someone you admire, coming to your house for dinner.

Patty Schilling, secretary at St. James Catholic Church in Millstadt, called the pope's visit "great."

(See VISIT, Page 4A)



Trash stashers

Bob Simon, Barb and Larry Yust and Jeanette Holder clean up one of the islands in the median of Nameoki Road north of Pontoon Road during the Tri City Area Chamber of Commerce Trash Classic last weekend. The group was sponsored by CVM Realty.

Staff photo by JOHN FRESE

Honoree 'makes a difference'

Wright heads helping group

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Denice H. Wright has been serving the community for many years, helping provide food, clothing and information for those in need.

It's only fitting she has been named the 1998 Woman of Achievement in community service.

Wright is the president of Protestant Welfare in Granite City, a social assistance agency for which she says she's always had a soft spot.

"The things I'm pleased about and love about Protestant Welfare is that the agency is here to help those in need," Wright said.

"One of my phrases is it's the 'key' that makes a difference," in providing clothes, food and furniture," she said.

Protestant Welfare is a food pantry and clothes center, a loaner of medical equipment and a referral and information center. All services are offered free of charge.

Wright, of Granite City, has been president for 10 years, and is something of a visionary.

The agency used to be located at a much smaller building on Edison Avenue. That build-



Staff photo by JOHN FRESE

Protestant Welfare's Denice Wright, right, plays host to Jo Hopkins, site coordinator for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Wright has been named a 1998 Woman of Achievement.

ing proved too small for Protestant Welfare's needs, so Wright decided in 1992 to move to the agency's present location, a much larger building at 1818 Cleveland Blvd.

"That excites me that we can make a difference in the lives of people in need," she said.

Wright said she is overwhelmed at being named a Woman of Achievement for 1998.

"There's thousands of women out there who do volunteer work and are dedicated to many facets of service," she

Women of Achievement
'There's thousands of women out there who do volunteer work and are dedicated to many facets of service. To think that someone thought I was doing enough — it's an honor to be thought of.'

Denice Wright

said. "To think that someone thought I was doing enough — it's an honor to be thought of." Wright's agency is celebrating its 45th anniversary this year, and has also been nominated for a Governor's Home-town Award. The agency staff will find out in May whether (See WRIGHT, Page 3A)

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OPINION

CAROL'S COMMENTS

Graveyard humor better than none

When El Nino generated storms that struck the California coast earlier this year, causing mudslides, highway washouts, you-name-it, I became a bit concerned about the welfare of a couple of long-time friends, both older than I, and neither in good health, so I phoned to check on them.

No problem with Tina Van Der Veen in Santa Barbara. Her property was undamaged, no new health problems, still tutoring gifted kids.

But no answer on the phone from Marge Bancroft in Laguna Beach. And no answering machine, which is unusual.

"Oh, well," I thought, "She's probably visiting her son, Greg." But there was the nagging remembrance of a note enclosed with her Christmas card that mentioned two cancer surgeries in '97 and a hint that recovery from the second one was slow.

Last week mail's brought the answer, a peach-colored envelope, no return address, postmarked Phoenix. From Greg, who I thought was still living in San Francisco.

A multi-talented woman, as well as an extremely public service-minded one, over the year, Marge has been active in the Orange County Children's Hospital Guild and the county's American Paralysis Guild. She has served on the boards of both the Sloan-Kettering Cancer Research Center in New York City and the Naval Health Research Center in Washington, D.C.

During the many years she and her late husband, Dick, lived in Kokomo, Ind., she had worked as continuity director for a local radio station, written a humor column for a Kokomo newspaper, and had been published in such magazines as *The New Yorker* and *Mademoiselle*. She was also a free-lance designer of greeting cards and not the sentimental gooey-gushy sort of cards. Marge has always been a lady of sharp wit.

And was to the end. When I opened the envelope last week, the front of the card said it all. Or nearly. Marge's simple basic sketch. Typical. In the background, a fence, tree and two recognizable grave markers. In the foreground, a headstone reading: "Marjorie Blackburn Bancroft. I TOLD you I was sick!" Turning the card over, her familiar signature, "Marjo," followed by "End of the line." Inside the card, a photo of a



Carol Clarkin

smiling woman, looking much as she did the last time I saw her with a few lines from an old pop song: "When my life is through and the angels ask me to recall the thrill of it all, then I shall tell them I remember you," followed by "Thanks for being my friend." All in her own handwriting.

Greg also included a formal obituary and some touching reflections of his own on the things cancer doesn't touch or change. That it had not crippled love, shattered hope, corroded faith or eaten away peace, silenced courage or invaded the soul and concluded, "It did not diminish my mother's beauty, dignity, or courage, even in the very end."

I'm aware, of course, that there are people who would view as unsettling or inappropriate, or just plain weird, for me to prepare their own death notice in advance, but I'm not one of them.

Marge was always an extremely realistic person and it's one more thing she remained to the end and I'm proud of her for that. As well as the fact that she retained her sense of humor, even though some might consider it black humor, noir humor, graveyard humor.

I'll keep the notice, of course. I'm only sorry that I haven't saved any of the well-over-60 "Marjo" Christmas cards that she designed over the years. They were always a treat.



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FOR THE PEOPLE

Truman's foresight led diversity movement

By Rep. Carol Moseley-Braun

Dr. Martin Luther King once said that the Declaration of Independence was a "declaration of intent." By that he meant that the commitments of that eternal document, when written, did not at the time apply to all Americans, but only to some of them.

Women were excluded altogether, native Americans and poor had less rights than landowners, and blacks were counted as three-fifths of a person. And yet, the vision and the truth of the principle set forth in Declaration and Constitution of this great country have been the bedrock foundation of the patriotism of all Americans over time, no matter their condition at the time of its crafting, and no matter how difficult the struggle for equality and realization of the intent.

The rights so eloquently articulated in the Declaration and defined in the Constitution could only be established, and later defended, by a strong military. Our armed forces, indeed all Americans, owe a debt of gratitude to President Truman, who 50 years ago strengthened our military and our society by integrating the U.S. armed forces.

Americans of African descent were eager to defend the ideal and the promise of this noble experiment in self-government from the very beginning. During the Revolutionary War, more than 5,000 free blacks fought to establish these United States of America. Rhode Island had a black battalion, and African-American men and women served in units from the various states as laborers, spies, nurses, cavalry, and infantrymen.

In no military conflict were Americans of African descent unwilling to offer their very lives to the service of their country, no matter the condition of their citizenship. My own grandfather served in the Army in World War I, and I have vague recollections of stories of the experiences he had in France during that world-shaping cataclysm.

He left, and returned to an American of Jim Crow apartheid, but was proud to have done his part to preserve freedom. His service, and that of others was founded on their sincere love of America, and their belief in its ideals. He believed in the Declaration of Intent, and was prepared to give his life in behalf of its promise.

Continuing that tradition, my father (See PEOPLE, Page 6A)

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LETTER

Impaired attitude

TO THE EDITOR:
Upon reading and hearing recent statements by Jack Frandsen, I am again reminded of the old cartoon, Mr. Magoo. Mr. Magoo was blind and the recurring statement after his successful blunders was always, "O Magoo, you have done it again."
Mr. Frandsen, you have indeed "done it again." Mr. (See LETTER, Page 4A)

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NEWS

City annexes three land tracts

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Three properties totaling about 125 acres were annexed into the city of Madison on Tuesday.

The three — a Lanter Corp. warehouse, the remaining 70 acres of Gateway National Golf Links and Midwest Rack, were part of the former village of National City.

Mayor John Hamm said they were still negotiating with some other property owners in the area, and the council also approved having City Attorney Casper Nighossian draw up annexation papers for some property now wholly surrounded by the city.

The city can annex property it surrounds without the owners' permission if the property is 60 acres or less.

In a related matter, the council also gave Nighossian permission to hire a consultant to help with annexation for up

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to \$25 per hour.

Madison, Fairmont City, East St. Louis and Brooklyn have expressed interest in annexing part or all of the former National City, which was dissolved after a special census showed no people living there.

In its last action, the National City Village Board approved seeking annexation for the entire village into East St. Louis, but individual property owners must seek annexation.

East St. Louis has already annexed a portion of the former village, however, that annexation could be tied up in court because of prior competing annexations by both Madison and Fairmont City and St. Louis National City yards officials have had discussions on annexation.

In other business, the council approved giving permission for Hamm to sign agreements for permit applications for a forced-main sewer and frontage road improvements near the new golf course.

As part of pre-annexation agreements with Gateway National Golf Links, the city agreed to provide sewer service. However, because of the time needed for permits for the permanent sewer, the city has installed a septic system for the present, and expects to have the permanent sewer finished sometime in the fall.

The city will also take control of the frontage road leading to the golf course after the Illinois Department of Transportation makes about \$80,000 worth of improvements.

A new intersection on Highway 203 to connect the frontage roads on both sides of the highway is also being planned.

Workers saddened by nursing home vote

By Dennis Grubbaugh
Telegraph staff writer

Beverly Brassfield shed tears as she left the County Board chambers Wednesday, crying over the vote to close the Madison County Nursing Home.

The board's decision was a sad day for the employees, she said, "and even sadder for the residents."

Brassfield, a Granite City resident who is a certified nurse aide at the home, was typical of the employees who berated board members for voting to close the nursing home and the Madison County

Sheltered Care Home by Nov. 30.

The jobs of 134 employees at the two homes are up in the air. County officials have set up an ad hoc committee of board members that will help coordinate the closing, with an eye on helping workers find new jobs.

Sheltered care administrator Donna Marrone broke down in tears as she talked to reporters about the vote and its effects on the 48 residents, most of whom are low income.

Sheltered care accommodates people with developmental and physical disabilities and is not available in the immediate area, she said. Residents will have to travel many miles from Madison County to find homes, she said.

"If you look at the county budget, there are a lot of departments that don't generate what they spend. (This vote) targets the elderly, and that's a shame," Marrone said.

"If it were a factory that was closing, you can bet they'd be working with them to save jobs," she said.

A group of sheltered care workers gathered outside the

(See HOMES, Page 4A)

Man killed in night club incident

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A St. Louis man was killed after being stabbed in the shoulder during a fight at a Brooklyn nightclub.

Byron C. McClendon, 32, of the 5000 block of Leahy in St. Louis was pronounced dead at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Granite City at 3:56 a.m. Thursday.

An autopsy was performed Thursday.

The cause of death was a single stab wound to the shoulder, said Madison County Cor-

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oner Dallas Burke.

The incident started in Brooklyn at about 3:15 a.m., when Brooklyn police observed some kind of altercation in the parking lot of the Pink Slip, a Brooklyn night club. The victim fled into a waiting car and left the scene. Police followed and finally stopped the car in Venice, where they discovered the man was injured.

He was taken to SEMC, where he was pronounced dead

at 3:56 a.m.

According to police reports, McClendon was wanted on multiple charges by various police agencies and was considered armed and dangerous.

The driver of the vehicle, Robert L. Nelson, 30, also of St. Louis, was arrested after a record check showed he was wanted by the Granite City Police Department for failure to appear on charges of operating a motor vehicle without a license.

A second passenger — a St. Louis woman — was released at the scene.

POLICE BEAT

Granite City

UNLAWFUL RESTRAINT: An incident involving a 50-year-old Granite City man who chained his 54-year-old brother to a coffee table to keep him from wandering away is being investigated by police.

However, police are unsure if charges will be filed because it appears both men may be mentally handicapped.

According to reports, police went to the brothers' West Granite home

after receiving a complaint about the situation. When officers arrived, the elder brother met them at the door with a heavy chain and padlock around his leg. The chain was attached to a heavy coffee table.

A woman who was in the house at the time said that the chained man's brother kept him like that to keep him from wandering.

The woman said she was a frequent visitor to the home from the Mount Vernon area, and although she knew about the chaining, she

didn't approve of it.

While in the house, police reported the home appeared unkempt and unsanitary.

Police removed the chain and took the man and woman to the police station. While there, the younger brother called to find out what had happened to his brother.

Police said they are considering unlawful restraint charges against the younger brother, and a social worker has been notified.

Partners



Partnership for Kids, an organization involved with early childhood education, celebrated the Week of the Young Child Thursday at the Centennial Pavilion in Wilson Park. Above, Dana Mayer, from Playful Harmonies in Belleville, entertained kids with music and songs.



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Wright

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Protestant Welfare is a winner.

Upcoming events for the agency include a booth in Wilson Park for the 4th of July for the agency's back-to-school program and the Share the Vision banquet in November.

"In all probability we'll have an open house (this year)," Wright said, in addition to the one already held to celebrate recent remodeling. In 1997, numerous volunteers from CPI Corp. in St. Louis, working in

conjunction with the United Way's Days of Caring program, helped renovate the building, which now sports a new coat of paint inside and out plus a new kitchen.

The Women of Achievement program honors outstanding women who have contributed to the strength and health of the St. Louis area. All of the 1998 Women of Achievement will be honored at a May 6 luncheon. Wright joins 421 other Women of Achievement who have been honored since the program began in 1955.

The other 1998 Women of Achievement are Mary Randolph Ballinger, volunteerism; Lisa Baue, business and community; Charmaine S. Chapman, community betterment; Margaret Dagen, lifetime achievement; Karen Duffy, social responsibility; Barbara Eagleton, cultural enrichment; Joan Lipic, volunteer leadership; Dr. Grace Shen Lo, international awareness; and Sister Mary Jean Ryan, civic responsibility.

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NEWS

System passes initial test

Tornado warnings provided early challenge

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Granite City's new Emergency Warning System got its first real test this month when high winds and a tornado hit the area.

On April 14 Granite City was under a tornado warning. All the sirens sounded and the "take cover" message was broadcast.

City workers replaced eight 30- and 35-year-old sirens in early April with the latest, state-of-the-art equipment. Twelve new sirens have been installed, with a 13th one to be added later in April.

The old system, like those that still exist in many major cities around the metropolitan area and the country, would only send out a tone that warned of approaching danger.

For example, the City of St. Louis only recently decided to replace its antiquated siren

'With the new system as with the old, there are houses throughout the city that cannot hear the sirens inside the house.'

Mayor Ron Selph

system, half of which do not work.

The new Granite City system, however, has voice capabilities with four pre-recorded messages.

It also has a public address system which allows police or fire officials to speak to all residents or to isolated segments of the city. The latter feature allows action in cases

such as chemical spills that affect only small portions of the city.

"With the new system as with the old, there are houses throughout the city that cannot hear the sirens inside the house," said Mayor Ron Selph. That would require a siren on every block in the city.

Instead, the old and new sirens are made to be heard outside.

"The closer you are to a siren pole, of course, the easier it is to hear the siren inside or out," he said.

The system is definitely loud, however. Selph said he could hear the sirens clearly out at Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus.

Ray Schultz, Emergency Services and Disaster Agency coordinator, recommends the following if bad weather is threatening:

- Open a window or door to alert you to the siren if it does go off.



Damage was substantial during the April 14 tornado in Granite City.

- If you hear a siren or voice message, go to the door and listen.
- Turn on a local TV station. They all monitor threatening weather.

Another advantage the new system offers is it is not susceptible to loss of electrical power. The new system has two batteries and a battery charger encased on every siren pole. The batteries can power the siren for 40 minutes even if power is lost, Selph

said. The siren can still sound even if the pole is knocked over, as long as the batteries and speakers are still intact, he said.

When a message is broadcast, city officials urge residents to heed the instructions and not waste time calling the police or fire departments for information.

Maj. Kip Pomeroy said during the April 14 storms, the police switchboard was over-

loaded with calls from residents seeking information and instructions, which prevented police from fully performing their jobs.

Perhaps people remembered the mistaken broadcast from the previous week, but in the future city officials ask residents to tune in to television or radio stations for further information (see related story).

"In (the April 14 tornado) we received about 10 minutes advanced notice," Selph said.

Coordinator apologizes for false warning

A mistaken warning message was broadcast throughout Granite City on April 7.

Ray Schultz, Emergency Services and Disaster Agency coordinator, said the correct message should have been for a "test" of the warning system, which occurs at 10 a.m. the first Tuesday of every month.

The message that went out was for a "tornado warning,"

he said. The warning system is normally activated from the police station by the dispatcher on duty with authority from myself or the officer in charge," Schultz said.

The warning system has four buttons of pre-recorded messages, and each button is programmed to send a different warning.

"The wrong button was acci-

dentally pushed, which activated an incorrect warning," he said. "Additional steps have been taken to reduce the likelihood of this occurring in the future. I apologize to the citizens of Granite City for their inconvenience."

The system will be tested again on May 4, the first Tuesday of next month.

— Scott Kelly

Jailed man faces deportation

By Dennis Grubaugh
Telegraph staff writer

A man jailed in a domestic violence case might get a one-way ticket to Mexico when he gets out.

Salvador Montalvo, also known as Chavo Montalvo, faces deportation proceedings by the federal Immigration and Naturalization Service, after investigators discovered that he has apparently been living in this country illegally for seven years.

Montalvo, a Mexican native, was sentenced to eight days in

Madison County Jail on Monday after pleading guilty to domestic battery and violation of an order of protection in Madison County Circuit Court's Domestic Violence Court.

Assistant State's Attorney Tony Rotherth said he suspected something was amiss during his first dealings with Montalvo.

"He didn't speak English, that was kind of a clue," he said.

Rotherth said he was familiar with a federal law that calls for automatic deportation of any illegal alien who pleads

guilty to domestic battery or any felony.

Montalvo, 22, admitted punching his ex-wife on several occasions, including after she had obtained an order of protection against him in St. Clair County.

Rotherth said he called the INS St. Louis office, which had information on Montalvo, but didn't know his whereabouts.

According to Rotherth, Montalvo had been living in the Granite City-Madison area the last year and a half. He was living in the Chicago area six years before that.

Montalvo was originally charged with domestic battery in September, then divorced his wife, who filed for an order of protection against him in St. Clair County.

Montalvo allegedly violated that order at least one time before Granite City authorities arrested him last week on charges that he beat his ex-wife, Rotherth said.

Montalvo began his eight-day sentence Monday, but is expected to be held beyond that period, Rotherth said.

"INS will leave him in jail on a federal hold until a federal judge sets his bond," Rotherth said.

If he fails to meet his bond, he will be in jail at least until the deportation hearing is held, Rotherth said.

Ministry marks anniversary

The Victorious Missionaries Ministry at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows will be celebrating its 34th Founding Anniversary on May 2.

Bishop Wilton Gregory will be the celebrant for the Liturgy at 10:30 a.m. at the Shrine Church.

The Victorious Missionaries is a spiritual support ministry for people with disabilities, chronic illness and those who want to share the journey.

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Crime

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408 — down 22 percent; theft, to 1,126 from 1,251 — down 10 percent; and motor vehicle theft, steady at 108.

"We think you can always get better, but we're very pleased with our overall efforts, and we're very pleased that our stats are what they are," said Maj. Kip Pomeroy, of the Granite City Police Department.

Pomeroy said he did not know the reason for the increase in sexual assault cases, but the increase in battery and assault cases came from an increased emphasis on domestic battery cases.

"It's not that our populace here has become more violent," he said.

"Before, if there was a problem, Bill smacked Sally or whatever, if she didn't want to prosecute it, it died," Pomeroy said. "We have taken that responsibility out of the victim's hands now, we do prosecute."

He said officers are also trying to settle disputes in the neighborhood.

He said that effort, along with working through the school system, is paying off in lower crime rates.

"I think what we're finding is that it's all coming together," he said.

MADISON showed a 13.5 percent decrease, including one murder.

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People

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served in World War II. Up until World War II, enlistment of Americans of African descent had been limited, but after Pearl Harbor, there were approximately 400,000 African Americans in the Army. By the end of the war, there were more than 150,000 in the Navy.

In 1948, Harry Truman moved the Declaration of Intent closer to reality when he integrated the armed forces. He made it possible for Americans of color to participate as Americans in Defense of the ideal liberty. By Executive Order 9881, he was able to breathe life into the promise of equality, and in so doing gave

added honor to the valor and commitment of all Americans.

In all branches of the military service, the decision to end the divisions based on color and race allowed this country to tap the talents to 100 percent of her people, and so doing, expand and strengthened the pool of talent in defense of the liberties of us all.

The audacity of Truman's decision and his vision, controversial at the time, were but a nation's opportunity to live up to its promise. The valor of many of those who served was overlooked or downplayed at the time, as the nation undertook the slow adjustment to

sexual assault, to one from two — down 50 percent; robbery, to four from one — up 300 percent; assault and battery, to 58 from 77 — down 24 percent; burglary, to 11 from four — up 175 percent; theft, to 11 from 17 — down 35 percent; motor vehicle theft, to 18 from 26 — down 30 percent; arson, to one from zero.

Police Chief James Newsum could not be reached for comment.

PONTIAC BEACH showed an 11.4 percent decrease. No murders were reported.

Statistics were: criminal sexual assault, to 10 from seven — up 42.9 percent; burglary, to 55 from 92 — down 40 percent; theft, to 187 from 203 — down 7.9 percent; and motor vehicle theft, to 31 from 20 — up 55 percent. Robbery, assault and battery, and arson remained unchanged at three, 16, and two respectively.

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Virus

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At that time, Stewart was employed as a phlebotomist, or someone who draws blood, at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, Braun said.

It was not until May 25, 1996, that the boy was diagnosed as having HIV. He had been taken earlier that month to Children's Hospital in St. Louis with an unknown ailment.

It was Children's Hospital that contacted authorities, Braun said.

A two-year investigation by the sheriff's department revealed that the boy had not

been subjected to any sexual or perinatal contact, or injections, that would have given him the disease, authorities said. It also was determined that the child had not been exposed to anyone who had tested positive for AIDS, they added.

The sentence for first-degree assault ranges from 10 years to life in prison.

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Child

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motor vehicle theft, 55,927 reported — down 3.4 percent; and arson, 3,636 reported — down 5.8 percent.

Downstate figures are: murder, 339 reported — down 11 percent; criminal sexual assault, 4,033 reported — up 1 percent; robbery, 7,892 reported — down 6.5 percent; battery and assault, 27,425 reported — down 5.9 percent; burglary, 62,918 reported — down 4.3 percent; theft, 238,774 reported

— down 3.1 percent; motor vehicle theft, 22,320 reported — down 6.2 percent; and arson, 2,092 reported — down 9.1 percent.

"Statewide, we saw nearly 17,000 fewer crimes committed in 1997 than the year before," Gainer said. "That means 17,000 fewer friends and loved ones had to endure the pain of being victimized by crime."

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Public safety

Belleville Area College recently held a graduation ceremony for Session 68 of the Police Academy. Linda J. Doerge, left, receives her graduation certificate from Kenneth Joseph, a member of BAC's Board of Trustees. Doerge, who won the award for best notebook, is the director of public safety for BAC's Granite City Campus.

IN SERVICE

Marine Pvt. COREY SHEPARD has successfully completed initial training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, and will next train at Camp Pendleton.

Shepard is the son of Jim and Andrea Shepard, and the grandson of Eva and Willis Shepard and Mary Theobald. He is a graduate of Granite City High School and joined the Marine Corps in December 1997.

Marine Pfc. ANTHONY BROYLES, son of Anthony Broyles of Granite City, recently was promoted to his present rank while serving with Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Development Center, Quantico, Va.

Broyles is a graduate of Granite City High School and joined the Marine Corps in June 1997.

Army National Guard Pfc. DANIEL J. ESSINGTON has graduated from the motor transport operator course at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

Essington is the son of John G. and Laura A. Essington of Granite City. He is a graduate of Granite City High School.



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Army National Guard Pfc. NATASHA L. GREGG has graduated from the motor transport operator course at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

Gregg is the daughter of Joe N. and Shawne M. Gregg of Granite City. She is a graduate of Granite City High School.

Marine Lance Cpl. JASON G. CLARK, son of Rosemarie and Jason G. Clark Sr. of Granite City, recently participated in Exercise Dynamic Response while on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit embarked aboard ships of the USS Wasp Amphibious Ready Group.

The exercise tested the strength of naval expeditionary forces in rapidly deploying as strategic forces in support of NATO's stabilization force in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Clark, a 1995 graduate of Granite City High School, joined the Marine Corps in July 1995.

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There are no coincidences with God

Two separate events that are linked by a common occurrence. "I was just thinking about you, too."

"You read my mind."

"I had my hand on the receiver to call you when you rang."

Your letter came in the mail when I needed you so much."

Unbelievable events happening all the time. Fate? Chance? There are no coincidences with God. It's just His perfect timing.

Each time every "coincidence" is really a plan from God telling us that He is in the midst of everything we do. Things do not happen by pure chance, they happen for a definite reason to let you know that God is in control. He loves you and watches over every minute detail of your life. He will never let you down.

There is such a thing as divine timing. I like to call it "destiny." When you are in the right place at the right time.

These encounters have happened in all of our lives. Mysterious happenings that occur quickly and bring forth new and important directions for our lives. Remember when you almost didn't go to that meeting but something egged you onward and there you were inspired to begin your dream job?

How about when you changed your plans and went somewhere else and met your soul-mate? Were these accidental, chance occurrences?

God has a miraculous and wonderful plan for you, an amazing individual with magnificent ability, talent and character. If you have a hunch about a situation, follow that feeling. Usually it is correct.

The answers to many of life's questions lie within you. Ask the questions and listen to the answers. Get alone, in a quiet place and pay attention to your inner leading.

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Use your God-given intuition. Be aware of this power that is built within each of God's children. Be alert and stay in tune to His voice. "And your ears shall hear a word behind you saying, 'This is the way, walk in it.'" Isaiah 30:21

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loved one can help as you walk on the day to day path of life.

British poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge said, "Chance is but the pseudonym of God for those particular cases in which He does not choose to acknowledge openly with His own signature."

Being aware of these occurrences will help you endure and prevail over hardships. Many a time, God challenges us with a subtle happening and sits back and watches how we handle it. Because He has given us this power to choose, during these tests, how we react is so important and determines often the future course of our lives. Use wisdom. Wait until all emotions subside for our destiny lies in the balance.

Is it "chance" that you have read this column today? This meeting between you and I, dear readers? I think not. God has allowed this to face you today, to put you on the right track, to turn you around to lift you above the world-bound way of thinking. Reminding you that you are His creation. He is your guide and He has plans for you, plans for good success in everything you do.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Community

VOLKSMARCH MARCH FOR PARKS is scheduled for today, Sunday, April 26 at the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge. Five-kilometer and 10-kilometer recreational walks (Volksmarches) are planned, or participants may just walk the bridge.

Start between 6 and 10 a.m. on the Missouri side of the bridge on Riverview Boulevard, and walkers will cross the bridge to the Illinois side.

Fees are \$5 and \$10 for those wanting IUV credit.

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL will have its Fourth Annual Fundraising Night May 16. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with the event beginning at 7. Six person teams can register.

By calling Dawn at 797-0167 or Kathy at 797-6245. Cost is \$60 per team in advance or \$72 per team at the door. Price includes food, snacks and beer. The event

includes trivia, attendance prizes and raffles. Players may bring their own food and drinks.

The Granite City Jaycees are hosting a BENEFIT CHICKEN AND BEER DANCE FOR SARAH KENNELLY, and have joined together with the 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus, the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, the Columbus Home Association and the Pontoon Beach Lions.

The benefit is set for 7 p.m. to midnight May 2 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 4225 Old Alton Road in Granite City.

Door prizes, a parade of donations, and auction and music by Jeff and Lori are all offered. Tickets are a \$10 donation.

For more information on the benefit, call the Jaycees at 877-4250.

Music/concerts

The METRO EAST JUNIOR PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA will hold its final concert of the season at 3 p.m. May 3.

The "Notes of Spring," directed by Dr. Loren Burke III, will be at First Baptist Church, 1111 E. Highway 50, of Alton.

The program will include "Concerto in G Minor" by Marcello with Sharon Goebel and Andrew Schmidt as soloists; "Movements I and IV of the Peer Gynt Suite" by Grieg; "Concerto in G Minor" by Darius Milhaud with Heidi Van Daley as piano; and "Finale and Finale from Firebird" by Stravinsky; and "Camelot" selections by Lerner and Loewe, arranged by R. Russell Bennett.

The String Chamber Orchestra will perform at 7 p.m. by Warlock.

For more information, call 394-363 or 277-1504.

Norma Darnell celebrates a birthday today, April 25.

Kathy Schmidke celebrates a birthday today, April 26.

Donna (Linder) May celebrates a birthday today, April 26.

Mary Sanders celebrates a birthday today, April 26.

Michael David Ostirich celebrates a birthday today, April 26.

Elaine Thieck celebrates a birthday today, April 26.

Janet Jackson celebrates a birthday today, April 26.

Ed Hoover celebrates a birthday today, April 27.

Lonnie Turner celebrates a birthday today, April 27.

Tim Long celebrates a birthday today, April 27.

A.C. Haynes celebrates a birthday today, April 27.

Buddy Prozman celebrates a birthday today, April 28.

Ann Coleman celebrates a birthday today, April 28.

Jim Schieb celebrates a birthday today, April 28.

Steve Laub celebrates a birthday today, April 29.

Angela Kaye McCormick celebrates a birthday today, April 29.

Matt and Patty Shemwell celebrate their wedding anniversary April 29.

Steven Wright celebrates a birthday today, April 29.

Alan Crowley celebrates a birthday today, April 29.

Jason Padgett celebrates a birthday today, April 29.

David Finke celebrates a birthday today, April 30.

Kenneth Kube celebrates a birthday today, April 30.

Steve Christopher celebrates a birthday today, May 1.

Jaime Nichole Mertz celebrates a birthday May 1.

Lois Sloan celebrates a birthday May 1.

Tracy Caffrey celebrates a birthday May 1.

Mike Vrabl celebrates a birthday May 2.

Lester White celebrates a birthday May 2.

Rosine Robertson celebrates a birthday May 2.

Gail Joyce celebrates a birthday May 2.

Darian Medley celebrates a birthday May 2.

To submit an item to Milestones or delete an entry, send a postcard to "Milestones" Granite City Journal, 1815 Delmar Ave., Granite City, IL 62040.

Please notify the paper if a person listed in Milestones has passed away or no longer wishes to be listed.

YMCA searching for interested lifeguards

Are you considering employment as a lifeguard? There will always be a need for qualified lifeguards, particularly at the

part-time employees during the summer months.

The YMCA of Southwest Illinois will teach the National YMCA Lifeguard Course at the Downtown Belleville YMCA Center, May 1 through May 20. Weekly classes will be held 8-10 each evening. Week-end classes will be noon-6 p.m. and 3-5-8 p.m. Participants must be accomplished swimmers and at least 16 years old by the course completion date.

The course includes classroom instruction and practical work in personal safety, lifeguard techniques, first aid and CPR certification.

An advanced aquatic safety course will be held at the same time for children who are at least 11 years old.

Early registration is strongly recommended. Call (618) 233-1243 for additional information.

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Russians seek American know-how

11 from former Soviet Union visit St. Louis area construction firms

By Allyson McCollum
Staff writer

Russia's age surpasses that of the United States by centuries, but Americans are elder statesmen when it comes to the free market system.

During the past month, a group of 11 Russians has been visiting local businesses to take advantage of this knowledge.

The group will head home Thursday. The Russians came to St. Louis to hear about the local construction industry and were hosted by the Kirkwood Rotary Club.

The visit was part of a program run by the Center for Citizen Initiatives. The San Francisco-based organization puts together learning trips for Russians in fields as varied as cheese making and furniture manufacturing.

On Friday the Russians visited a newly constructed building that will house Educare, an early childhood education program based in the Meacham Park area of Kirkwood. They had already visited design firms, training schools for carpenters and iron workers, various construction companies, architectural firms and contractors.

"After a month of doing this, their energy level is beyond my comprehension," said Tom Riggs, a Rotarian and general contractor.

During the tour Riggs — who built the Educare facility — discussed the construction materials, how the building will be used and how the construction was funded. After each statement he paused while an interpreter repeated the information in Russian to the guests, who listened

intently to both the English version and the Russian translation.

Tatiana Gudovitcheva, 46, is on her first trip to the United States. She works for a construction company owned by her husband.

Gudovitcheva was surprised at the cleanliness of St. Louis, which she attributed to private ownership of land and buildings. Another surprise was the friendliness of those she encountered here.

"People smile at each other, and they greet us, although they do not know who we are," Gudovitcheva said.

Zina Generalova, the group leader, said those in the group initially looked behind them when someone on the street smiled at them, because they didn't think the greeting was meant for them.

In addition to encountering Americans on the street, the visitors participated in

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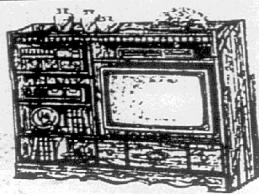
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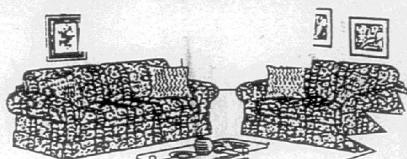
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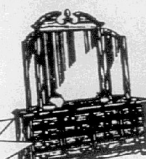


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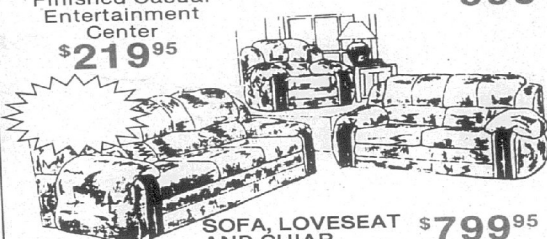
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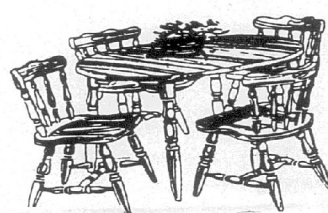
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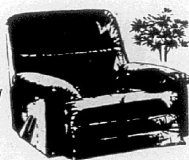


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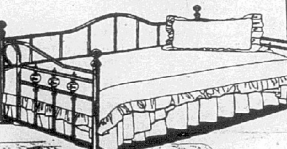
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Art
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Funk helps Illini stay in groove

He began the collegiate baseball season as a poster boy — one of the University of Illinois players shown in a "Field of Dreams" type scene — but if he continues to pitch as well as he has in relief recently, Brian Funk of O'Fallon may become an individual focus of Illini attention.

A 5-foot-9 senior righthander, Funk had the best stretch of his career from April 14-17. He not only relieved for a victory at Illinois State but added another non-conference appearance against Indiana State before helping Illinois retain first place in the Big Ten Conference with 1½ innings of scoreless relief for a save in a 5-4 win against the University of Minnesota.

Originally signed as an infielder by Bradley University, where he also pitched on occasion for two years, Funk transferred to Illinois for his final two seasons and has blossomed as a relief pitcher.

Used mostly as a setup man, Funk entered the game against Minnesota in the eighth inning after the Gophers had rallied for four runs in the inning. After ending that inning by getting a fly ball out to center field, Funk induced two ground ball outs, yielded a single but then ended the game on a fly ball out to right field.

That triumph left the Illini at 10-3 in the conference and 24-14 overall before a March 18 split with the Gophers at Champaign.

He's still throwing a knuckleball but has added a changeup. Brian's dad Dale Funk said of the former four-year baseball star at O'Fallon High. Regardless of his pitch selection, Funk has endeared himself at Illinois by opposing batters to a 200 batting average with runners in scoring position.

Slowed by an 0-6 record at the start of the season, Illinois not only has challenged for the conference title but a NCAA postseason appearance that would be a fitting reward for Coach Richard "Icky" Jones, who notched his 1,000th career coaching victory on April 8 in an 18-2 triumph against Western Illinois.

And as befits someone displayed on Illini posters and this year's program, Funk hurled a scoreless inning in the game that left Jones with a 22-0 record in his eighth Illini season.

Extra innings

Jones is just the 18th NCAA Division I coach to reach 1,000 wins. In 41 seasons at SIU-Carbondale, Jones was 738-245-5. His last NCAA appearance was with the Salukis in 1990. He began his collegiate coaching career with a 28-33 record for three seasons at MacMurray.

Funk, a marketing major, compiled a 2-3 record with two saves last season prior to the previous stint prior to the Minnesota game was three innings against Miami on March 6 when he struck out four batters. For his career, he has averaged five strikeouts per nine innings....

Overtime

If collegiate basketball coaches influence the high school level, it will be interesting to see if anyone follows the lead of new Texas coach Rick Barnes.

Among the Barnes' rules are: no facial hair below the lip, no earrings, no baseball caps worn when a player enters a building and no headphones worn by players walking across campus.

No mention was made of tattoos.



(Staff photos by JOHN FRESÉ)

Tire testing time

Some of the world's top racecar drivers were at Gateway International Raceway recently for tire testing runs in preparation for the second annual Motorola 300 on the CART/FedEx Championship Series. Drivers were also getting ready for the short oval season, which starts today in Nazareth, Pa. Among those testing at Gateway were (top photo) Andre Ribeiro of Marlboro Team Penske and (above) Christian Fittipaldi of Newman-Haas. The Motorola 300 weekend is May 21-23 with the feature event, the CART/FedEx race, on May 23.

Madison's Baker chosen for IBCA clash

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Maurice Baker, Chris Braun and Jon Harris will represent the Metro East in the 24th annual Illinois Basketball Coaches Association All-Star game in June.

The two IBCA All-Star games are June 27 at the Peoria Civic Arena. The first contest begins at 5:30 p.m. and pits the Class A North squad against the Class A South squad. The second game, which begins at 7:30 p.m., has the Class AA North squad squaring off against the Class AA South squad.

Baker of Madison and Braun of Waterloo Gibault will be members of the Class A South squad. Tim Weichert of Dupu was selected as an alternate in case one of the 15 players chosen can not make the trip to Peoria.

Don Kemp of Concord Triopia High will serve as the South squad's head coach.

Baker is the star of the Class A South squad. Chosen as the Class A Player of the Year in boys basketball for the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois, Baker averaged 30.4 points a contest for the Trojans this season. The 6-foot-2 point guard pulled down an amazing 11.9 rebounds per game.

Baker was a first-team selection for both the Associated Press and Chicago Sun-Times all-state teams. He was also dubbed Mr. Class A by Class A Weekly.

"Recce tried everything to get everyone involved in every game," Madison coach Al Collins said. "And only when he couldn't get anyone else to do anything did he take matters into his own hands. That's why he had so many rebounds. He had no business having that many rebounds, but nobody else was doing it. He had to step up. And it was the same way with his scoring. If he wasn't so committed to team play, to getting his teammates involved in the offense, he could have easily averaged 40 points a game."

Braun, a 6-10 center, averaged 15 points and eight rebounds per game this season for the Gibault Hawks. He shot a sizzling 84 percent from the charity stripe. Braun, who is headed

to Saint Louis University next winter, becomes the fourth Hawk player to be selected to an IBCA all-star squad.

He was a first-team member of the Class A boys basketball team for the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois.

"It's a neat experience for him," Gibault basketball coach Dennis Rueter said. "A number of years ago, I served as an assistant (for the South Class A squad). It is usually the better players. It's a pretty neat experience."

The surprise of the Class A South squad was no members of the Nauvoo-Colusa team, which won the small school state title, was named to the all-star team. It marks the first time in recent memory and maybe the first time in the history of the event that a Class A champion team member has not been represented at the IBCA event.

"In our system, we don't exploit one person," Nauvoo coach Reno Pinkston told the Peoria Journal Star. "That means you're going to sacrifice individual statistics. A lot of the people who choose teams like this have to rely on stats and on what they've heard."

"I don't have any hard feelings about it. I'll take no players on the all-star team every year if we have the same end result (a state championship)."

Harris was the only Metro East player named to the Class AA South squad. Belleville East's Josh Helbig was named as an alternate to the AA South team.

Harris, who was the Class AA Player of the Year in boys basketball for the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois, averaged 22 points and 14.1 rebounds per game for Edwardsville. Only all-star teammate Frank Williams (Peoria Manual) averaged more points per game than Harris and no other South all-star reached double figures in rebounds per contest.

The 17-year-old Harris led the Tigers to a 26-2 mark. He finished his three-year varsity

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Lady Warriors blank Maroons But GCHS will limp into tournament action this week

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Shannon Roth turned aside the only two Belleville West shots to make it through the stifling Granite City defense Wednesday afternoon, recording her third shutout of the high school soccer season and giving the Lady Warriors a 2-0 win in Southwestern Conference action.

Erika Todd, Granite City's spunky and spirited left-winger, lit up the scoreboard early, moving down the left side of the box, one-on-one with a defender and stroking a quick shot past Belleville West keeper Tara Korobey.

The score remained 1-0 at the intermission.

Early in the second half, Granite City freshman Keri Ousley, who had scored a key goal against McCluer North Monday evening, one-timed a hard shot past Korobey and into the net for a 2-0 Lady Warriors lead.

"Keri Ousley is showing a lot of promise," said Lady Warriors coach Gene Baker. "She is a very coachable young lady and is learning the game very fast. She has been very consistent. She plays both sides of the ball very well. And that's why she's scoring."

The victory improved the Lady Warriors' conference record to 2-0. GCHS stands 6-1-1 overall.

But the win was costly as yet another Granite City play-

GIRLS SOCCER
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er fell victim to injury.

This time it was sophomore Erika Todd.

"She's walking today," said Baker in a phone interview Thursday. "We hope — we don't know, but we hope — to have her in action on Monday for our opening game in the (St. Dominic/Howell North) tournament."

Todd represents only one in a long list of soccer injuries that have decimated the Lady Warriors this spring.

Earlier in the season, Felicia Mohsen went down with a serious knee injury. She has not yet returned. Facing knee surgery, it is unlikely that the junior midfielder will see action again this season.

Christina Withers, a freshman defender, has a possible torn muscle in the quad area and is on crutches. "Christina has been a settling, stabilizing force in our backfield all year," said Baker. "It makes a big difference not having her back there."

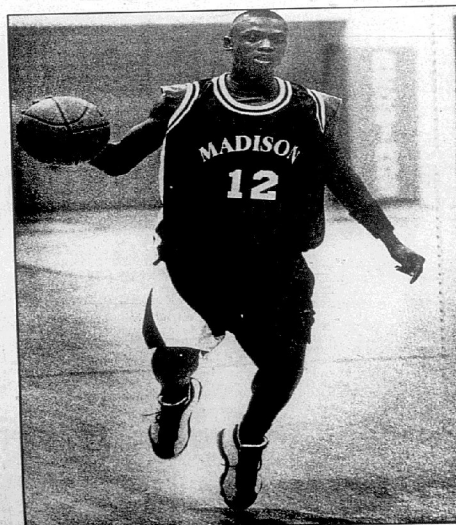
Also gone with injury from an elite backfield corps are Natalie Judge and Amanda Townsend, who remain out of action following a recent automobile accident.

And, to top things off, Aman-

(See SOCCER, Page 4B)

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Gene Baker
Granite City coach



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESÉ)

Madison's Maurice Baker averaged 30.4 points and 11.9 rebounds per game.

SPORTS

BOWLING RESULTS

Camelot Bowl Week of April 8		Men's High Series	
Ted Fields.....	772	Bud Crone.....	715
Robert Hartman.....	762	Rich Klein.....	681
Robert Bilderback.....	747	Barbara Klein.....	518
Eldon Schoeber.....	738	Marge Presson.....	510
Mike Becker.....	723	Men's High Games	
Tom Stewart.....	714	Bud Crone.....	275
Barry Dellamano.....	713	Rich Klein.....	247
Brian Meyer.....	710	Women's High Games	
Carl Getz.....	709	Doris Renken.....	193
Bob Baker.....	698	Ruth Madden.....	193
Tim Dillman.....	688	Bert Wilbur.....	185
Scott Fudge.....	290	Sophie Evanoff.....	185
Men's High Game		Friday A	
Brent Hartman.....	290	Boys Series	
Tony Powell.....	279	Andrew McGarrahan.....	325
Brian Meyer.....	279	Bobby Nodyke.....	315
Greg Beeler.....	279	Girls Series	
Bob Modlin.....	279	Dawn Dankenbring.....	282
Eldon Schoeber.....	279	Andrea Ostendorf.....	270
Robert Bilderback.....	279	Boys Games	
Ted Fields.....	279	Bob Nodyke.....	193
Mark Norbury.....	279	Andrew McGarrahan.....	186
Mike Bartlett.....	279	Girls Game	
Jim Jackson.....	277	Dawn Dankenbring.....	194
Alfred Keller.....	277	Ronda Todd.....	138
Women's High Series		Friday B	
Mary Ruth Hunter.....	642	Boys Series	
Lori Yancousek.....	623	Andrew Bauer.....	295
Joan Giacometto.....	613	Jason Brigan.....	210
Janie Edgerton.....	612	Boys High Games	
Sharon Crossen.....	704	Andrew Bauer.....	150
Jeanie Wilshire.....	608	Jason Brigan.....	127
LuAnne Frost.....	608	Girls High Series	
Anne Timmons.....	601	Deanna Chamberlin.....	208
Kathy Novario.....	600	Erin Dickey.....	207
Flo Malone.....	596	Girls High Games	
Sharon Fehhaber.....	588	Deanna Chamberlin.....	148
Loretta Fudge.....	588	Erin Dickey.....	108
Women's High Games		Juniors	
Pat Ubaudi.....	258	Boys Series	
Joan Giacometto.....	256	Aaron Dellamano.....	458
Jamie Hogenson.....	245	Eric Doty.....	461
Anne Timmons.....	242	Andrew Bauer.....	461
Mary Ruth Hunter.....	237	Girls Series	
Janice Hill.....	236	Heather Clanney.....	437
Margaret Tamburello.....	234	Tiffany Young.....	406
Kristie Plante.....	227	Boys Games	
Ruth Haynes.....	225	Eric Doty.....	189
Vicky Cadell.....	224	Aaron Dellamano.....	181
Jan Lennbacke.....	223	Andrew Bauer.....	181
Diana Herberts.....	223	Girls Games	
Leilani Farley.....	223	Heather Clanney.....	153
Monday Seniors		Megan Buckheim.....	148
Men's High Series		Saturday Bumpers	
Leo Zak.....	626	Boys Series	
Rich Klein.....	603	Alex Niemaczek.....	225
Women's High Series		Erik Bohle.....	214
Flo Malone.....	559	Girls Series	
Virginia Lynch.....	525	Catherine Bradtke.....	187
Men's High Games		Sammy Legendre.....	186
Bob Robertson.....	243	Boys Games	
Frank Italiano.....	224	Tyler Murphy.....	128
Chester Brammer.....	224	Alex Niemaczek.....	122
Women's High Games		Girls Games	
Flo Malone.....	211	Catherine Bradtke.....	98
Donna Pelato.....	201	Sammy Legendre.....	97
Thursday Seniors			

PREP BASEBALL STANDINGS

METRO EAST BASEBALL				South Seven			
Southwestern Conference				Team			
Team	Conf	Overall	Record	Edwardsville	1-1	10-3	Conf
Edwardsville	6-0	14-0	2-4	Edwardsville	0-3	8-4	Overall
Belleville West	5-1	11-3	3-8	Edwardsville	0-3	3-8	Edwardsville
Collinsville	4-1	11-3	3-8	Edwardsville	0-3	3-8	Edwardsville
Belleville East	3-2	10-3	3-8	Edwardsville	0-3	3-8	Edwardsville
Alton	1-4	7-6	3-8	Edwardsville	0-3	3-8	Edwardsville
Granite City	2-3	5-7	3-8	Edwardsville	0-3	3-8	Edwardsville
East St. Louis	1-5	3-9	3-8	Edwardsville	0-3	3-8	Edwardsville
Mississippi Valley				Edwardsville	0-3	3-8	Edwardsville
Team	Conf	Overall	Record	Edwardsville	0-3	3-8	Edwardsville
Jenksville	3-0	12-3	3-8	Edwardsville	0-3	3-8	Edwardsville
Highland	1-0	5-4	3-8	Edwardsville	0-3	3-8	Edwardsville

Prairie State Games elite team tryouts set for May

Elite teams in basketball, soccer and volleyball are now forming for the Southwestern North Region for the 15th annual Prairie State Games scheduled for June 26-28 in southwestern Illinois.

There will be four teams — Open Men, Open Women, Scholastic Men and Scholastic Women — in each of the four sports. The Open division is for players beyond the 12th grade, while the Scholastic division is for players who are in grades 8-12 for the 1997-98 school year. A player must be either a resident of or attend school in the counties of Madison, Jersey, Cahoon, Bond or Fayette to be eligible for the regional team.

Players making the teams will compete against the state's 11 other region teams at the Finals, June 26-28.

The tryout fee is \$18, which includes a Prairie State Games souvenir T-shirt. Applications can be processed at the time of the tryout. Any athlete younger than 18 years of age must have his or her parent or guardian sign a waiver.

The tryouts and contact person for each of the teams are:

- Basketball — Open Men (Bob Emig 632-1002), Open Women (Bob Emig 632-1002), Scholastic Men (Jeff Paulsen 632-0698), Scholastic Women (Rich Waller 345-8686).
- Soccer — Open Men (Norm Seim 687-2827), Open Women (Gene Briggs 876-4719 or 451-8808), Scholastic Men (Terry and Eric Mitchell 452-0808 or 451-8289).
- Tryouts for Open Men's and Scholastic Men's soccer are May 3 and 17, 5-7 p.m. at the Edwardsville Area Soccer Club, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. Tryouts for Open Women's soccer are May 3 and 17, 5-7 p.m. at the Edwardsville Area Soccer Club, S.I.U.E. Scholastic Women's soccer tryouts are May 3

June 12 at the Fox Creek Golf Club near Edwardsville.

The 18-hole fundraising golf scramble is sponsored by the Collinsville Rotary Club.

Prize money totaling \$1,800 will be awarded to the top three finishers in each of three flights, according to tournament general chairman John Ostanik.

Registration is \$75 per golfer. The event is limited to 36 four-player teams, a total of 144 golfers.

For entry information, contact Ostanik at 345-9563. Entry forms are also available at local golf clubs.

Golf tourney

The annual golf outing sponsored by the Collinsville Chamber of Commerce will be Saturday, May 13, at The Orchards in Belleville.

Reservations are now being accepted for the four-golfer scramble. There will be a shot gun start at 12:30 p.m. The price per golfer is \$75 which includes cart, green fees, range balls, goody bag, free beer and soda, dinner buffet and awards ceremony.

Those not able to golf can sponsor a hole for \$50. For more information, call the Chamber of Commerce office at 344-2884.

Hunting proposal

A change has been proposed that will effect the dove hunting program at Horseshoe Lake State Park in Madison County and the Mississippi River Area in Jersey and Calhoun counties. This proposal, if enacted, will require the use of non-toxic shot — size 6 steel or 7½ bismuth or smaller — for all dove hunting on these sites.

This change is required because of the large number of shells fired at these sites and the high volume of lead being deposited in the fields. Switching to non-toxic shot will reduce the possibility of lead poisoning in many bird species due to accidental ingestion of lead shot while feeding.

For additional information,

please call Horseshoe Lake State Park at 931-8901 or the Mississippi River Area at 376-3303.

Play Day

The Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce announces the 41st annual Play Day on June 25 (Memorial Day).

Chamber members and prospective members are invited to attend.

Events include golf (scramble), a cookout (steaks and chicken) and plenty of prizes. Fees are as follows: Cookout & Golf, \$70; Golf only, \$50; Cookout only, \$25. There will be a shot gun start at 11 a.m. Please call the chamber office at 876-6400 to make your reservations. Reservations are due by May 18. Payment is due by May 25.

Lutheran Day

The 22nd annual Lutheran Day at Busch Stadium will be May 25 (Memorial Day).

The Cardinals will play 1:15 p.m. against the Colorado Rockies, followed by exhibition games involving the four local Lutheran high schools, including Metro East Lutheran.

Tickets are \$11, and schools receive some of the proceeds for tickets they sell. Each school has 750 tickets available.

For information, call Sigmond Bohnet at 656-0043.

Wrestling banquet

After an historic campaign which saw the Granite City High School wrestling program notch its 100th consecutive regular season dual meet victory as well as its national-record 1,000th all-time dual meet victory, Warriors wrestling is being honored by the Granite City Elks Youth Athletics Committee.

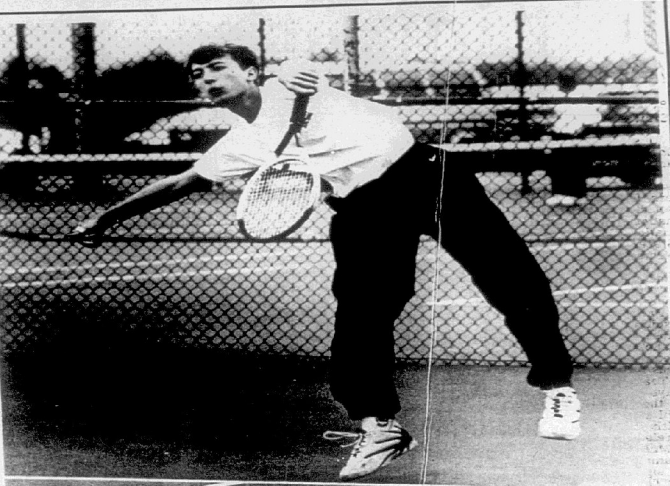
Not just the 1997-98 squad, but the entire GCHS wrestling program — from the 1933-34 season to the present — is being honored at an evening festivities on Thursday, May 7, at the Granite City Elks Lodge.

"Sixty-five Years of Excellence" is the theme of the banquet, which will kick off with cocktails at 6 p.m., followed by a prime rib dinner at 7 p.m. An awards and presentation ceremony will begin at 8 p.m.

All Granite City High School grapplers who lettered from the 1933-34 season on are invited to attend the function free of charge. A \$10 fee will be charged for any guest the honorees bring to the event.

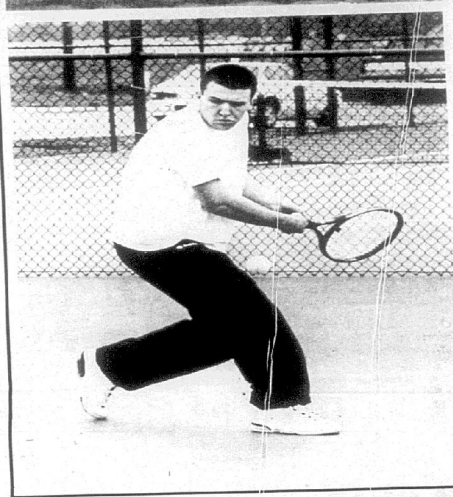
Tickets and reservations can be obtained by calling: Jim McKechan (876-0060), Monte Kessler (931-0581), or John Janek (877-0428). For more information on the event, contact McKechan or Steve Nopp (692-7040, ext. 4828).

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Tennis action

The Granite City tennis team was in action recently against Waterloo High School. ABOVE: Granite City's No. 1 singles player Andy Balcer follows through on a serve. AT LEFT: The Warriors' No. 2 singles player, Steve Graham, prepares to hit a backhand shot.



Tourney champs

The Granite City Volleyball Club 18-and-under team won the Silver Division championship at the Grizzly Bear Classic. Members of the team (from left to right) are: Kerry Lassiter, Laurie Bohnenstiehl, Jessica Worthen, Jenna Wright, Heidi Elting, Middle — Megan Frances, Kristen Ely, Christina Rother, In back — coach Amy Bohnenstiehl, coach Jeff Trout, coach John Bohnenstiehl.

PREP GIRLS SOCCER STANDINGS

METRO EAST SOCCER				O'Fallon			
Southwestern Conference				Team			
Team	Conf	Overall	Record	Edwardsville	1-0	6-1	Overall
Edwardsville	2-0	8-1	1-3	Edwardsville	1-0	6-1	Edwardsville
Belleville East	1-0	6-1	1-3	Edwardsville	1-0	6-1	Edwardsville
Granite City	1-0	5-0	1-3	Edwardsville	1-0	6-1	Edwardsville
Collinsville	1-0	5-0	1-3	Edwardsville	1-0	6-1	Edwardsville
Alton	1-1	3-0	1-3	Edwardsville	1-0	6-1	Edwardsville
Edwardsville	3-0	3-0	1-3	Edwardsville	1-0	6-1	Edwardsville
Belleville West	0-3	1-7	1-3	Edwardsville	1-0	6-1	Edwardsville
Independents				Edwardsville	1-0	6-1	Edwardsville
Team	Conf	Overall	Record	Edwardsville	1-0	6-1	Edwardsville
Edwardsville	1-0	6-1	1-3	Edwardsville	1-0	6-1	Edwardsville
Belleville East	1-0	6-1	1-3	Edwardsville	1-0	6-1	Edwardsville
Granite City	1-0	5-0	1-3	Edwardsville	1-0	6-1	Edwardsville
Collinsville	1-0	5-0	1-3	Edwardsville	1-0	6-1	Edwardsville
Alton	1-1	3-0	1-3	Edwardsville	1-0	6-1	Edwardsville
Edwardsville	3-0	3-0	1-3	Edwardsville	1-0	6-1	Edwardsville
Belleville West	0-3	1-7	1-3	Edwardsville	1-0	6-1	Edwardsville

SPORTS

July in Paris

McBride earns trip abroad with select squad

By Karen Vanartian
Staff writer

Just what is Shawn McBride looking forward to most on his trip abroad in July?

"Paris. I want to see Paris," said McBride, one of 14 players from the St. Louis area selected by the St. Louis International Youth Baseball Association to represent the United States on Team USA in the Netherlands from July 21-31.

What makes Paris so appealing?

"There's cool stuff over there," McBride added. "Paris is just one of the many exciting stops McBride and his close friend John Rayfield of Cahokia, also a member of Team USA, will make overseas this July."

Team USA will spend three days in Paris before traveling to the Netherlands, where they will stay in a Boy Scout camp with players from the other foreign countries.

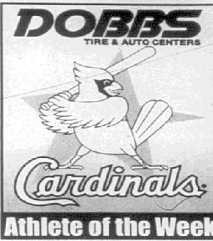
McBride, Rayfield and their teammates must communicate by sign language at the camp.

"That's the only way they can communicate," said Shawn McBride's father, Rudy. "I'd really like to go myself, just so I could see it. How can you communicate with a bunch of kids that don't speak your language. And they exchange gifts for the other teams. The big things for the Americans to take is like whoopee cushions, an extra baseball bat, the American flag or something like a postcard of the arch, something that explains our heritage."

After a short stay in the camp, the boys break into pairs of two.

They then alternate between various families, who house them from night to night.

"It feels good because hardly anybody in our state is going and very few people in the country get to go," said the 11-year-old McBride, who originally lived in Cahokia but currently is a Waterloo resident. "Most people probably know about it, and it's going to be fun. It's kind of awesome for me getting to do this."



All in all, both McBride and Rayfield will receive a once in a lifetime experience this summer, not only getting to play against international competition but also witnessing the unique cultural aspects of foreign countries.

"First of all, I hope, they have a fond memory of going somewhere and doing something that... I'm 33-years old and never done in my life," Rudy McBride said. "And secondly, I hope they can represent their country in a well-behaved manner and just have fun when they're over there and learn and ask questions."

Team USA manager Andy Parnes started the process by first contacting Rudy McBride, who coaches a local select baseball squad, about tryouts, which were conducted in October and November.

Parnes wanted to know if McBride had any players willing to try out.

"It was after the end of baseball season, so the only ones I knew real quick that would probably want to try out was John and Shawn because they play ball for me all throughout the year," said Rudy McBride, who is close friends with Rayfield's father, Pete.

Ironically, Shawn McBride originally wasn't going to try out.

"Shawn had a hockey game,



Shawn McBride was chosen to play on a select team representing the U.S. this summer in Europe.

and he couldn't make the first try out, and John went," Rudy McBride said. "Then Pete (John's father, Pete Rayfield) called up and said, 'Why don't you take Shawn next time?' I said, 'Let me see if I can talk him into it.' So I talked him into it and he went. Next thing I know, Shawn came home and said he thought he made the team. And we got the phone call that night and (Parnes) said he would be honored if Shawn would be part of Team USA."

Roughly 40 to 50 children from the Metropolitan St. Louis area tried out, with only 14 of those making the team.

Just three players from Illinois—McBride, Rayfield and Dupo's Andrew Haven—made the final cut.

Team USA, made up of all 11-year-olds, will play teams from Australia, Belgium, France, Italy, Japan and Spain, among others.

All the games will be played in the Netherlands. While Parnes serves as the manager, Team USA is coached by Jim and Adam Arico.

The squad will play six games, each against different teams.

"It's going to be fun," said Shawn McBride. "I know they're going to be bigger than us because like me, I'm small. They'll probably throw the ball harder than the teams we play now."

McBride has compiled a very successful athletic resume.

A sixth-grader at Waterloo middle school, he has played seven years of organized baseball. He has always served as the captain and team leader.

McBride has been a catcher most of his young career, but he can also pitch, play the outfield or second base.

He always has been a leadoff hitter, never hitting below .350. McBride enjoys several other sports as well, having competed in organized hockey for the Cahokia Hawks the past seven years.

He is an all-state soccer player as well. A very good student, McBride enjoys swimming and other water sports. "Here I am, I coach baseball players probably nine months out of the year, and for two of the boys I've coached since they started playing baseball, to make a team like this, to be going overseas and to be an ambassador for the country, that's high honors," said Rudy McBride, who still is unsure if he can make the trip abroad. "I would like to see Pete or myself to go with them, for somebody to either film it on video or to make sure the kids are OK. I would love to see those six ball games."

McBride and Rayfield still are trying to raise money for the trip overseas. Through Haven's father, Joe, they have found an organization, the Holy Cross Lutheran Church and Aid Association for Lutherans, which has agreed to help with the fund-raising efforts by matching funds.

If anyone is interested in helping out, please contact Rudy McBride at 839-5557.



(Photo by PAUL BAILLARGEON)

Gibault's Chris Braun led the Hawks to a victory in the Coca-Cola KMOX Shootout and an IHSAA Class A regional title this winter.

IBCA ALL-STAR TEAMS

The following players were chosen to the IBCA South all-star teams for the boys basketball games June 27 in Peoria at the Peoria Civic Arena.

Class A South				
Player, School	HT	Pos	PPG	RPG
Tony Atchison, Greenville	6-0	F	22.5	8.3
Maurice Baker, Madison	6-2	PG	30.4	11.9
Chris Braun, Gibault	6-10	C	15.0	8.0
Josh Esker, Teutopolis	6-8	F	15.0	7.0
Ben Huffington, Warshall	6-4	F	23.0	10.6
Matt Lauer, Farina South	6-9	C	20.2	10.6
Jarrett Leek, West Frankfort	6-3	C	23.0	5.0
Drew Logan, Harrisburg	6-2	G	15.5	6.0
Brian Martin, Chrisman	6-4	F	23.1	10.4
Drew Patelish, A-C Central	6-4	PG	19.2	3.5
Matt Patelish, A-C Central	6-0	PG	17.2	4.2
Reuben Statam, Ulin Century	6-8	F	16.8	11.7
Bob Tebbe, Mater Dei	6-0	PG	22.1	3.8
Garrett Thomas, Riverton	6-4	F	17.0	9.0
Steve Wilson, Red Hill	6-4	F	17.0	9.0
Alternates — Brad Bergman, Illini Central, G 5-5; John Huber, Nokomis, C 6-5; John Niesbrugge, Teutopolis, G 5-0; Tim Wiechert, Dupo, F 8-7.				

Class AA South				
Player, School	HT	Pos	PPG	RPG
Nate Caldwell, Bloomington	6-5	F	16.5	8.5
Kori Douglas, Quincy	6-1	PG	15.9	2.8
Jon Harris, Edwardsville	6-7	C	22.0	14.1
Marlo Matlock, Springfield SE	6-3	G	18.5	5.2
Ty Moss, Centralia	5-11	PG	20.1	3.8
Ben Harris, Normal Comm.	6-5	F	12.5	8.0
Marty Perry, Jacksonville	6-10	F	19.8	4.7
Joey Range, Galesburg	6-5	F	17.7	4.8
Randy Rice, Springfield	5-11	G	17.7	4.8
Luis Rivas, Quincy	6-6	F	15.8	6.1
Rod Thompson, Galesburg	6-6	PG	15.9	5.2
Michael Wilder, Edwardsville	6-2	F	20.1	2.9
Frank Williams, Manual	6-4	PG	22.8	6.4
Matt Wolbeck, Notre Dame	6-5	C	12.5	9.1
Luke Sharp, Carlinville	6-4	F	18.5	6.5
Alternates — Ryan Ballard, Washington, G 5-11; Jake Harmon, Altamont, G 6-3; Josh Helbig, Belleville East, F 6-5; Robert Johnson, Manual, G 6-2; Joel Peterson, Pekin, G 5-6.				

Snep will step down as Belleville East AD

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Dennis Snep, who has served as the athletic director at Belleville East for the last three years, has decided to step down from the position at the end of the current school year.

Snep has been either the Lancers athletic director or assistant athletic director for 18 years. The 51-year-old Snep asked the District 201 school board members not to reappoint him to the position. School board members obliged at their March meeting.

"When you work in an organization as long as I have, sometimes you begin to differ with the decision makers," Snep said. "There is no animosity. It is just time for me to step aside. I figure I have 10 or 12 years left in my career. I really want to spend those 10 to 12 years coaching and teaching."

PREP SPORTS

Snep plans to keep teaching at East as well as serving as an assistant varsity football coach. He has been a teacher at East for 29 years and has served as an assistant football for the same amount time. He has also been an assistant track and wrestling coach.

He did admit he has the itch to become a head coach somewhere down the line.

"If the right opportunity presented itself, I would strongly consider finishing my career as a head football coach," Snep said. "I'm not going to just leave East for the sake of leaving. I have no unbearable dislike for this place. Belleville East is still a great school. It is just time for me to step aside both personally and professionally."

Snep is proud of the strides and accomplishments he has made in his 29 years at Belleville East.

18 years. Snep was Bechtold's assistant for 15 years prior to taking the athletic director's position in the 1993-94 school year.

"We have renovated our weight rooms and our locker rooms," Snep said. "We renovated our outdoor athletic fields. We put that exercise trail in. That didn't cost the school district a dime. We raised all the money for that. We were fortunate enough to be here when our basketball team went to state. Last year in our basketball program, the 60 games before both lost in the sectional finals. That was an incredible run. Our football program has remained strong. It is fun."

Snep came to Belleville East by way of Illinois State University where he coached for one season while earning his master's degree.

"My plan was to comeback

to the high school level for three years and then move on to Notre Dame and start out their program and end up in the pros by the time I was 30," Snep said. "Somewhere along the line, I really learned that I loved working with high school kids. I can say honestly that staying in high school coaching is something that I wanted to do."

The most gratifying thing for Snep in those 29 years as an assistant coach was working with his son Gary.

"Coaching my son is an experience I will never ever regret," Snep said. "I will always remember that as being something special. Coaching your son is a special thing but there is also another whole layer of kids that I have special memories for. Naturally you think of the Matt Russells and the Garretts and the Johns but the list goes on forever. Now you see them in the community as doctors, lawyers and police officers. That is the fun part."

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•Baker—

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career with 1,281 points — eighth best in school history. The Marquette University recruit shared more than 1,200 boards in his career.

"Jon has a good feel for the game," Edwardsville coach Mike Waldo said. "He does a good job of anticipating. He is very smart at positioning himself on the offensive and defensive boards. When you put those things together with the fact that he got to play for three years, that helps bring those numbers up."

Centralla coach Rick Moss will serve as the South coach and Oak Lawn Richards' Jack Fitzgerald guides the North squad.

"The best (AA) South players usually hold their own with the North's top guys," said IBCA game director Chuck Rolins. "But each team has three five-man units that have to get a minimum amount of playing time, and North's depth can be a factor there."

Soccer

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da Huber became ill during Wednesday's game and had to leave the field.

The Lady Warriors are playing well in all three-thirds of the field, but they will enter Monday's tournament action limping.

"We always have trouble getting through this tournament without sustaining some injuries," said Baker. "But, this time, we're going into the tournament already injured. Keeping the rest of the players healthy will not be easy."

"It's been a rough spring for us injury-wise," he continued. "A lot of that has to do with field conditions during a very wet spring. Another factor is the off-season training, not playing a number of quality games. But it has really decimated our lineup."

Pool play began Monday in the seventh annual St. Dominic/Howell North Shootout. The Lady Warriors lost 1-0 to Incarnate Word in last year's championship match.

Granite City faces Duchesne at 8 p.m. Monday, followed by games against Francis Howell at 4 p.m. Tuesday and Nerinx Hall at 4 p.m. Thursday. Pool

'It's been a rough spring for us injury-wise.'

Gene Baker
Granite City coach

winners advance to Friday's semifinal round, with the championship match set for Saturday. The Lady Warriors will play at St. Dominic on Monday and Thursday, and at Howell North on Tuesday.

GCIS will pick up the Southwestern Conference schedule again on May 5, when it hosts the Belleville East Lancers.

Granite City 2, Belleville West 0

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First Half
GCIS - Erika Todd (unassisted), 7:00.
Second Half
GCIS - Keri Quisley (unassisted), 40:00.

Statistics
Shots on Goal: GCIS 12, West 2.
Fouls: GCIS 13, West 5.
Goalkeepers: GCIS (Shannon Roth; 2 shots, 2 saves), West (Tara Korobey; 12 shots, 10 saves).

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St. Dominic/Howell North Shootout

Games played at St. Dominic (SD) and Francis Howell North (FHN)

MONDAY

4 p.m. - Lafayette vs. Incarnate Word (SD), Hazelwood Central vs. Parkway West (FHN).
6 p.m. - Columbia Hickman vs. St. Dominic (SD), Howell North vs. St. Joseph's (FHN).
8 p.m. - Duchesne vs. Granite City (SD), Francis Howell vs. Nerinx Hall (FHN).

TUESDAY

4 p.m. - Nerinx Hall vs. Duchesne (SD), Granite City vs. Francis Howell (FHN).
6 p.m. - Incarnate Word vs. Columbia Hickman (SD), St. Joseph's vs. Parkway West (FHN).
8 p.m. - St. Dominic vs. Lafayette (SD), Parkway West vs. Howell North (FHN).

THURSDAY

4 p.m. - Granite City vs. Nerinx Hall (SD), Duchesne vs. Francis Howell (FHN).
6 p.m. - Lafayette vs. Columbia Hickman (SD), St. Joseph's vs. Parkway West (FHN).
8 p.m. - St. Dominic vs. Incarnate Word (SD), Howell North vs. Hazelwood Central (FHN).

FRIDAY (semifinals)

4 p.m. - No. 1 vs. No. 4 (FHN), No. 2 vs. No. 3 (SD).

SATURDAY (championship)
1 p.m. - Semifinal winners at FHN.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESSE)

Granite City's Erika Todd (11, white jersey) chasing Triad's Lauren Cusanelli in a recent game scored a goal last week against Belleville West but was also injured in the game and is questionable for the St. Dominic/Howell North Shootout this week.

Lancers' Jackson selected for all-star game

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

While the Metro East area was well-represented among the boys portion of the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association annual all-star weekend, local girls seemed to have been slighted.

Among the noteworthy players left off is Jacque Woosley of Edwardsville. Woosley was the catalyst for the Tigers this season and should have at least been named as an alternate to the team.

Jessica Jackson of Belleville East was the lone member selected to the Class AA South squad. Jamie Tyler of O'Fallon was named as an alternate to the team.

"It is the same old thing over and over. We have one representative and they are from Belleville," Edwardsville coach Bud Vallino said. "They take care of their kids, which is only normal. The idea that Jessica Jackson was second-team all-(Southwestern)-conference and Jacque was first-team. The same thing happened two years ago when (Jackson) was selected first-team all-state and we had Carrie Drake, who had as many or better credentials as (Jackson) did, yet they pushed (Jackson) to make all-state and left Carrie as honorable mention. It is just the same old thing. It is just who is representing you and who is pushing for you."

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The IBCA Girls All-Star games take place June 20 at Shirk Center on the campus of Illinois Wesleyan University. The Class A contest between the North and South teams kicks off at 5 p.m. The Class AA matchup is slated to begin at 7 p.m.

The IBCA named East St. Louis Lincoln coach Charles McDonald as the District 18 Class AA Coach of the Year. McDonald guided the Tigertettes to a second-place finish at the IBCA Class AA State Tournament.

Joining Jackson on the Class AA South team are Sara Bailey (Washington), Natalie Chambers (Olympia), Allison Curtin (Taylorville), Samantha Hardwick (Normal West), Heather Hillebrenner (Quincy), Shameika Ingram (Peoria Manual), Trisha Jackel (Lockport), Amanda

Jordan (Mount Vernon), Lori Jennings (Olney), Ruth Kipping (Quincy), Angie Kruger (Champaign Centennial), Lori Shelby (Joliet), Yolanda Smith (Rantoul) and Lora Weber (Taylorville).

Kristen Hustedde of Carlyle is the lone regional member of the Class A South girls team. Other members include Carissa Brown (Warrensburg), Amanda Buldman (Massac County), Mandy Cole (Camp Point Central), Amy Funkhouser (West Frankfort), Brooke Gossett (West Frankfort), Katy Gwaltney (Fairfield), Jenny Kabbes (Bloomington Central), Stacey Kingery (Arthur-Lovington), Sonny Mascari (Danville Schlarman), Mindy Miller (Hardin County), Alisha Nagel (Carthage), Halley Spann (Pittsfield), Stacy Sperling (Harrisburg), Jennifer Swinger (Teutopolis) and Raegan Terrell (Warsaw).

At the collegiate level, the local area was well represented in the IBCA voting. SIU-Edwardsville coach Wendy Hedberg was named the NCAA Division II Coach of the Year while McKendree College's Melissa Miller was named the NAIA Division I Coach of the Year.

CHS grad Bickel to take helm at O'Fallon

By Scott Marlon
Staff writer

For the first time since the program started in 1976, the O'Fallon boys soccer team has a new head coach.

Rich Bickel, a 30-year-old Collinsville resident, was recently named to replace Art Voellinger, who resigned last fall after the O'Fallon school board adopted a rule which allows O'FHS coaches to be a head coach in only one varsity sport. Voellinger's 313 career wins rank fifth in Illinois history and 14th nationally.

"Coach Voellinger is a hall of fame coach, and I've been fortunate to work with a coach of his caliber," Bickel said. "For myself and for the kids, the transition is made easier by the fact that I've coached them since they've been in the program."

A 1985 graduate of Collinsville High School, Bickel spent two years at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and two years at SIU-Edwardsville.

"I student-taught here in 1989 and I've been here in one capacity or another ever since," said Bickel, who resigned as head bowling coach to take the soccer position. "I started out as a substitute and became a full-time social studies teacher. I've been an assistant soccer coach for four years, three as fresh-

BOYS SOCCER

man and last year as JV coach. In that time, my record on the underclass level is 30-6-7. I think the kids and I have confidence in each other."

Bickel has been around soccer most of his life.

"I started playing when I was 5 years old," he said. "I played on recreational, club, select and indoor teams for 20 years. Underclass coaching here has been a tremendous experience. I'm fortunate to have had a lot of success."

"I always emphasize the importance of a total team approach to the game. If a kid can understand his responsibility to his teammates, he'll be more successful. When the team is successful, individual accolades follow."

"If I would emphasize one portion of the game, it would be defense. I tell my players good defense creates good offense. In soccer, you can't play as an individual because you have to rely so heavily on other people on the field."

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18-43 last year.

"I'm very optimistic about the upcoming season," Bickel said. "I have a good nucleus of kids coming back. They've experienced nothing but success since they entered the program."

"I would like to strengthen our schedule. We open with Collinsville this year, and for me as a new head coach, that baptism by fire. It doesn't come any tougher than that. If we play together during the season, it will make us a better team by the end of the season."

"I try to be positive with the kids and build trust and build a relationship. Once those

things are in place, there's no limit to what we can accomplish together."

Two-day practices for O'Fallon's soccer season begin in August, but Bickel plans to hold camps at O'FHS in mid-July.

"It's a time to introduce some changes to the players," he said. "We'll be using some new formations and new tactics."

"I'm so enthused about getting this started. I wish it was tomorrow."

Mike Engel, an assistant to Bickel the past two seasons, will take over as head coach of the bowling team.

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Festival focuses on Missouri tales

Storytellers will narrate tales for children of all ages.

By Glna Thornburg
Staff writer

They tell tall tales about Missouri. They also tell true tales about Missouri. They are the storytellers of the 19th Annual St. Louis Storytelling Festival. The festival, scheduled for April 29 to May 1, is titled "Storytelling: A Mosaic of Missouri Tales."

Nan Kammann, festival director, said although the festival's focus is on Missouri stories and cultures, a variety of other tales also will be told by the storytellers.

"There is always a wide mix of different stories and storytellers at the festival," Kammann said. "Most of the storytellers are from Missouri and many are from the St. Louis region, but they are going to be telling stories about all sorts of subjects in addition to the Missouri stories."

Kammann said listening to storytellers is very different from reading a book. She said the storytellers bring the tales to life for the listeners to create an image in their minds.

"It is a partnership between the storyteller and the listener," Kammann said. "The storyteller paints images with his words, and the listeners use their imagination to see it in their minds. The stories are a combination of what's told and what's heard and what the listeners form in their minds."

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the Humanities. The program has received a grant from the Regional Arts Commission and support from the Arts & Education Council of Greater St. Louis. Other regional organizations also have contributed to the festival.

The festival will be held at various locations in the St. Louis region. North County locations include the Indian Trails Branch of the St. Louis County Public Library system, 3400 Delport Drive in Vinita Park, and the North County Recreation Complex, 2577 Redman Road.

Storytellers also will be at the visitors center beneath the Gateway Arch and the Old Courthouse in downtown St. Louis, in addition to other city and county locations.

For a schedule, call 516-5948 or 516-5036.

Admission to the sessions is free. But Kammann said the storytelling workshop from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday night at the J.C. Penney Conference Center on the University of Missouri-St. Louis campus is the only session with a fee, \$10.

Each session is geared toward a particular grade level, but Kammann said all are open to anyone who is interested in listening about its topic.

"The sessions are designed for children at certain levels, but adults enjoy the stories just as much as the children," she said. "Adults will hear these stories at a different level than the children."

Charter members

At a recent get-together, the Chouteau Township Senior Citizens were privileged to have all three of their surviving charter members present. The club was organized in September 1978 and has continued to meet on the fourth Thursday of each month since. Standing, from left, are Sally Segar and Pearl Rihl; and seated is Fern Cory Segar, who will be 92 in July, was one of the club's organizers. Her late husband, Ferd Segar, was the club's first president.

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"Small Fruits in the Home Garden," a new publication from University of Illinois Extension, is sure to be popular with Midwest homeowners interested in growing strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, blackberries, currants, gooseberries and grapes in their own yards.

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"Small Fruits in the Home Garden," is highlighted by useful photos, easy-to-read tables, lists of cultivars and detailed diagrams of correct planting procedures.

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By Mary Shapiro
Staff writer

Don't tell Laurie Kembitzky's second-grade students that truckers have a bad image.

They'll tell you about Vern and Becky and Reggie.

Although Vern and Becky Falk, accompanied by their miniature schnauzer Reggie, drive their truck across the country most of the year, they're regular visitors to Kembitzky's class at Green Pines Elementary School, 15543 Green Pines Drive in Wildwood.

The Falks and Kembitzky take part in Trucker Buddies International, a program started by a trucker, which pairs over-the-road drivers and elementary school classes.

Truckers and children exchange letters regularly.

The Falks, of Foristell, Mo., send postcards every Sunday to the class from wherever they are, telling the youngsters about the cities they stop in, what the land and weather are like and what kind of cargo they're carrying.

Melissa King, daughter of Trucker Buddies founder Gary King, said the organization was started in November 1992 in Madison, Wis.

"Dad had started writing to a class — he knew a couple of the kids," King said. "He told them where he was going and what he was delivering, and would send photos."

Her father later told some of his friends about the letters, and they wanted to get involved, King said.

From there, the effort steamrolled.

"Truck drivers want to contribute to the community, but time away from home makes it difficult," King said.

"Now, we have more than 5,000 truckers all over the U.S., as well as in some other countries, like Canada, helping out," she said. "The kids learn about geography, weather, even science. Some truckers send soil samples or rocks."

The response has been so overwhelming, Trucker Buddies International has had to temporarily suspend taking on more classrooms until more truckers apply, King said.

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"Truckers have such fun — it gives them something to do on long drives, and it removes that negative trucker image," King said.

Becky Falk agrees.

"Vern and I have been involved since 1992 with the program," she said.

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"It's been fun for us," Becky said. "Trucking is really a different world, and we wanted to get that experience into the children's world."

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Ryan, florists team up against teen drinking

Secretary of State George H. Ryan and the Illinois State Florists' Association are once again teaming up to fight teen drinking and driving.

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stand to lose their licenses for three months. Under the Celebrate Sober effort, Ryan's office has mailed out 300,000 stickers to approximately 1,850 floral shops throughout Illinois. Since Use It and Lose It took effect in January 1995, more than 9,245 teen drivers have had their licenses suspended.

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'Species 2' takes bad movie, makes it worse

By Brian Kaller
Staff writer

The people who made the first "Species" movie assembled fine actors like Ben Kingsley, Forrest Whitaker and Michael Madsen, began with an interesting premise and used art design by famed artist H.R. Geiger, and still managed to make a bad movie.

"Species 2" has Madsen, Peter Boyle and James Cromwell, and is worse.

The first movie began this way: Scientists sent out signals into space for any extraterrestrials who were listening, including the code for human DNA. Years later they receive

a reply from an alien species: the DNA code to build one of their kind. (Interesting premise ends here.)

Scientists combine alien and human DNA and grow the resulting normal-looking child, called Eve, in their laboratory, devoid of human contact. Eve escapes, grows a cocoon and emerges hours later, speaking English and looking like supermodel Natasha Henstridge. Eve then looks for a mate, occasionally turns into a humanoid insect-like creature, and kills lots of people.

As the sequel begins, the biologists who destroyed Eve in the previous movie have, for some reason, brought her back as a clone. She is super-strong, but the scientists imprison her

in a glass box. They teach her English, then stand in the same room and talk loudly about how to destroy her.

Meanwhile, three American astronauts have landed on Mars. They collect soil samples, not knowing that the same alien race that sent out Eve's DNA had left their cells frozen in Martian soil. The soil transforms into something like evil chocolate pudding and attacks them.

The evil pudding reflects the leader of the mission, Patrick Ross (Jake Lazarus), and leaves him outwardly human but actually half-alien, like Eve. Then the pudding causes the crew to forget they were attacked. When Ross returns to Earth, he has

sex with several prostitutes, who immediately give birth to aliens and explode. At this point, Ross begins to suspect something is wrong.

The alien offspring grow into normal-looking children within minutes, and Ross hides them on his mother's farm. Where no one thinks to look. Soon there are a dozen or more children in his lost shed, staring out in tunics. Madsen and company track Ross down and bring him to a maximum-security military installation, but he escapes by running out the door and shoving people out of the way.

Eve also decides to escape, and breaks out of the glass box. The first

car she comes to has the keys in the ignition, and though she has never seen the outside world, she drives off down the highway.

Are you following all this? The biologists find the abandoned shed, where the children inside have become big cocoons. The biologists reason that the cocoons are part human and vulnerable to human genetic flaws, so they destroy them by spraying a mist containing sickle-cell anemia. Really.

Of course, not everyone cares about movies that make a grain of sense. Some people just go to movies to see naked people, exploding prostitutes and evil chocolate pudding, and this is the movie for them.

HOROSCOPE

Sunday, April 26
The moon joins the purposeful sun and masculine Mars in the steadfast sign of Taurus, turning our hearts as well as our attention even more toward all matters concerning money and personal possessions. The Taurus moon is dark today, so it may be wise to hold off starting any new projects until tomorrow.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 26). This year, you have every

thing to celebrate! The challenging times have gone, and new opportunities for financial growth are everywhere. Money could suddenly increase in the early fall. Your best signs for romance and dating are Aquarius and Cancer. Marriage is possible in November of this year or February of next year. Your lucky numbers are 25, 34, 38, 45 and 50.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's no need to get bent out of shape over a money matter since nothing comes of it, bad or good. You earn some additional income or run across cash on the sidewalk. Keep something extra to spend on romance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Mail, coupons, contests and names associated with fire, talent, bravery and speed bring you luck. The initials P, M and T could be beneficial. Virgos and Sagittarians could

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CELESTINE (May 21-June 21). Stick to your guns on principles when someone tries to pull you in the wrong. A jealous lover needs reassurance. Money owed to you is returned. Take advantage of romantic planets to prepare a special dinner tonight.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Be flexible and patient with a close friend or lover who's facing a difficult choice about work. Good news will come from a distance or bring divinity through the mail. Open your mind to new ideas and possibilities.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Be brave, bold and daring. Fight for what you want. There may be rewards for a collaboration, writing or speaking skills. Doing business over the phone is excellent for you today. Trust your own abilities more.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A Scorpio could figure prominently in your personal or financial life. Vocationally, things may be unsettled. Explore innovative ways to advertise your services. Special bonuses, contracts or additional income arrive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Virgos and Aquarians are good

for business and finances. Legal awards or settlements of some kind might arrive around this time. A change in your philosophy of life seems essential for you to forge ahead now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don't lose patience with your self—the habits of a lifetime may not change overnight. Work through any estrangement from children, mates or lovers. You feel better when you know you've tried your best.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Be more accepting of your own and others' weaknesses. Don't let the past hold you back. The initials P, G and M could bring luck. Stay on top of money, budgeting and finances to improve economic security.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A creative talent or inge-

nious business idea pays off for you. You get involved in a new interest that involves sociological or technological skills. You have a large, broad-scale idea that could be profitable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The unexpected may catch you off guard today, but this can mean happy surprises that add to your income or improve your romantic life. Children can play a strong role now through their school or talents.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You meet interesting, independent spirits, one of whom could become a lifelong friend. People whose initials begin with P, S, T and B are spotlighted. A favorable financial association begins between you and a group.

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City of Angels (PG-13) 1:00, 3:30, 7:00, 9:30
Species II (R) 1:15, 3:15, 7:15, 9:15
Odd Couple 2 (PG-13) 1:20, 3:30, 7:20, 9:30
Lost in Space (PG-13) 1:00, 3:35, 7:00, 9:35

EASTGATE CINE
Eastgate Plaza, E. Alton, Ill.
254-5089
City of Angels (PG-13) 1:45, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
Object of My Affection (R) 1:30, 4:00, 7:20
The Big Hit (R) 2:00, 4:20, 7:00
Titanic (PG-13) 12:00, 4:00, 8:00
Paulie (PG) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30
My Giant (PG) 1:40, 4:10
Major League 3 (PG-13) 6:45

COTTONWOOD EDWARDSVILLE CINE
Edwardsville, Ill., 656-6390
Vag The Dog (R) 2:00, 7:00, 9:30
The Big Lebowski (R) 2:15, 7:15, 9:40
Spice World (PG) 2:30, 6:45, 9:00

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The Big Hit (R) 1:15, 3:25, 5:35, 7:45, 9:55
Players Club (R) 12:10, 2:20, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30
The Players Club (R) 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 8:10
Barney's Great Adventure (G) 12:00, 1:55, 4:00
Major League 3 (PG-13) 7:00, 9:15
The Object of My Affection (R) 12:05, 2:30, 4:55, 7:25, 9:55
Species II (R) 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:40, 9:50
Fury Rising (R) 12:20, 2:45, 5:05, 7:35, 10:05
Tarzan and The Lost City (PG) 1:05, 3:20, 5:40, 7:10, 9:10
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City of Angels (PG-13) 1:40, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45
Lost in Space (PG-13) 1:30, 4:25, 7:20, 10:10
Paulie (PG) 12:50, 2:50, 4:50, 7:00, 9:05

LINCOLN THEATER
103 E. Main, Belleville, Ill., 233-0123
Twilight (R) 7:15, 9:15
Senseless (R) 7:10, 9:20
Hard Rain (R) 7:10, 9:20

NAMEOKI CINE
30 Nameoki Village, 877-9630
U.S. Marshals (PG-13) 2:00, 6:45
Grease (PG) 2:15, 7:15

NORTHWEST PLAZA 9
Northwest Plaza Mall, 822-4900
Lost in Space (PG-13) 1:25, 5:00, 7:40
Barney's Great Adventure (G) 1:15, 2:55, 4:30
As Good As It Gets (PG-13) 7:00
Major League (PG-13) 1:30, 4:40, 7:35
Odd Couple 2 (PG-13) 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:20
Titanic (PG-13) 1:45, 7:00
Grease (PG) 1:40, 4:55, 7:15
Major League 3 (PG-13) 1:00, 3:10, 5:15, 7:30
Ride (R) 1:25, 3:25, 5:25, 7:25
My Giant (PG) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30

O'FALLON 15 CINE
1320 Central Park Dr., O'Fallon, Ill., 822-4900
City of Angels (PG-13) 12:10, 4:10, 8:15
Titanic (PG-13) 1:00, 4:55, 9:00
Paulie (PG) 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 7:05, 9:15
Barney's Great Adventure (G) 12:00, 1:45, 3:30, 5:15
The Man in the Iron Mask (PG-13) 7:00, 9:40
Screen 2 (R) 1:20, 4:05, 7:15, 9:40
Lost in Space (PG-13) 12:00, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15
U.S. Marshals (PG-13) 1:05, 4:05, 7:10, 9:55
Object of My Affection (R) 12:15, 2:35, 5:05, 7:30, 9:50
City of Angels (PG-13) 12:05, 2:30, 4:55, 7:25, 10:00
City of Angels (PG-13) 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:15
Primary Colors (R) 1:05, 4:10, 7:05, 10:00
As Good As It Gets (PG-13) 1:10, 5:00, 8:00
Odd Couple 2 (PG-13) 12:10, 2:15, 4:30, 7:20, 9:20

QUAD CINE
Belleville, Ill., 233-1220
City of Angels (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30
Titanic (PG-13) 12:30, 4:30, 8:15
Paulie (PG) 1:45, 4:00, 6:30, 8:30

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Lost in Space (PG-13) 2:00, 7:00

ST. CLAIR 10
50 Ludwig Drive, 398-8363
Species II (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:05, 9:30
Major League 3 (PG-13) 12:00, 2:00, 7:05
Things (R) 4:10, 9:20
Tarzan And The Lost City (PG) 1:45, 1:45, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15
Mercury Rising (R) 12:00, 2:20, 5:15, 8:00
Ride (R) 1:10, 4:45, 7:45, 10:05
My Giant (PG) 1:10, 5:15, 8:15, 10:10
Grease (PG) 2:05, 7:50
The Wedding Singer (PG-13) 12:10, 2:15, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50
Players Club (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:55
The Apostle (PG-13) 1:20, 5:30, 8:30
The Big Hit (R) 1:10, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50

SHOWCASE 12 EDWARDSVILLE
6633 Center Grove Rd., 659-7469
Object of My Affection (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:30, 10:00
Barney's Great Adventure (G) 12:20, 2:30, 4:30, 6:50
Major League 3 (PG-13) 8:00
Paulie (PG) 2:10, 4:25, 6:30, 8:30
City of Angels (PG-13) 1:00, 3:50, 7:00, 9:40
Lost in Space (PG-13) 12:40, 4:15, 7:15, 10:10
Titanic (PG-13) 12:00, 4:00, 8:20
The Big Hit (R) 2:20, 5:10, 7:40, 9:50
Screen 2 (R) 1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 10:05
The Odd Couple 2 (PG-13) 1:40, 4:05, 6:40, 9:15
As Good As It Gets (PG-13) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00
Good Will Hunting (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00
The Apostle (PG-13) 1:20, 4:50, 7:50

VILLAGE SQUARE
100 Village Square Shopping Center
Niles (R) 1:45, 5:25, 7:45
Replacement Killers (R) 1:55, 6:00, 8:00
Krippendorf's Tribe (PG-13) 2:00, 5:50
Vag The Dog (R) 8:00
Spice World (PG) 2:10, 5:45
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St. Clair County crime index contradicts trend

By Kimberly Haas
Staff writer

The crime index for St. Clair County showed an increase of 1.5 percent last year, according to the Illinois State Police's "Crime in Illinois" index released Sunday.

Crimes increased from 16,323 in 1996 to 16,569 in 1997, according to the report. Statewide, however, crime decreased for the fifth time in the last six years. The number of serious crimes in Illinois reported in 1997 decreased by 2.6 percent from 1996.

According to the report, the number of murders in St. Clair County increased by 14.3 percent; criminal assaults increased by 6.4 percent;

aggravated assaults and batteries increased by 24.4 percent; and motor vehicle thefts increased by 23.3 percent.

Robberies decreased by 9 percent; thefts decreased by 3.4 percent; and arsons decreased by 19.1 percent.

Total crimes for the following St. Clair County cities, along with the increase or decrease from 1996, are:

- Belleville: A drop of 6.1 percent in the total crimes. The report includes one murder — 66.7 percent decrease; 23 criminal/sexual assaults — 3.2 percent increase; 39 robberies — 7.1 percent decrease; 60 aggravated assaults/batteries — 13 percent decrease; 389 burglaries — .5 percent decrease; 1,465 thefts — 7.7 percent decrease; 153 motor vehicle thefts — 5.5 percent increase; and seven arsons — 66.7 percent decrease.
- Caseyville: A 7 percent drop in total crimes. The report includes one murder; two criminal/sexual assaults — 33.3 percent decrease; three robberies — 50 percent increase; five aggravated assaults/batteries — 72.2 percent decrease; 42 burglaries — 61.5 percent increase; 69 thefts — 11.5 percent decrease; 14 motor vehicle thefts — 16.7 percent increase; and two arsons were reported.
- Dupe: A 27.2 percent decrease in total crimes. The report includes one criminal/sexual assault; six aggravated assaults/batteries — 14.3 percent decrease; 24 burglaries — 29.4 percent decrease; 40 thefts — 21.6 percent decrease; and four motor vehicle thefts — 55.6 percent decrease.
- East St. Louis: A 5.3 percent increase in total crimes. The report includes 30 murders — 25 percent increase; 88 criminal sexual assaults — 3.5 percent increase; 331 robberies — 3.8 percent increase; 1,798 aggravated assaults/batteries — 8.9 percent increase; 1,166 burglaries — 13 percent increase; 1,095 thefts — 6 percent increase; 774 motor vehicle thefts — 38 percent increase; and 34 arsons — 2.9 percent decrease.
- Fairview Heights: A .8 percent decrease in total crimes. The report includes one murder; three criminal sexual assaults — 50 percent increase; 12 robberies — 29.4 percent decrease; three aggravated assaults/batteries — 40 percent decrease; 83 burglaries — 2.4 percent decrease; 1,485 thefts — 1.1 percent increase; 43 motor vehicle thefts — 33.8 percent decrease; and 4 arsons.
- Mascoutah: An 8.8 percent decrease in total crimes. The report includes one criminal sexual assault; seven aggravated assaults/batteries — 75 percent increase; 20 burglaries — 47.7 percent decrease; 146 thefts — 2 percent decrease; and three motor vehicle thefts.
- O'Fallon: A 10 percent decrease in total crimes. The report includes three criminal sexual assaults — 50 percent increase; seven robberies — 123.3 percent increase; 12 aggravated assaults/batteries — increased 20 percent; 85 burglaries — 34.9 percent decrease; 453 thefts — 5.6 percent decrease; and 31 motor vehicle thefts — 34.8 percent increase.
- Swansea: A 17.8 percent decrease in total crimes. The report includes five criminal sexual assaults — 25 percent increase; two robberies — 100 percent increase; eight aggravated assaults/batteries — 14.3 percent increase; 37 burglaries — 45.6 percent decrease; 243 thefts — 12.3 percent decrease; 12 motor vehicle thefts — 10 percent decrease; and three arsons.

AWARDS

Some 312 students were honored recently at the annual Sciences and Mathematics Awards Banquet at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

It is an annual event that recognizes undergraduate students in sciences and mathematics with a grade-point average of 3.2 or better on a 4.0 scale. Graduates with a 3.5 average or better were also honored at the banquet.

Undergraduate students who were honored, and their area of study, are listed here by hometown and then alphabetically by last name (with specialty in parentheses). Those who won special honors are noted. Graduate students who were honored are listed later.

BELEVILLE: Elin Asvaldotir, of biological sciences; Rachael Bieker, of biological sciences (Outstanding Senior Student); David Baker, of chemistry (Outstanding Senior Student); Anthony Becker, of biological sciences; Eddy Dario, of biological sciences; Kristy Goto, of biological sciences; Pamela Miller, of mathematics and statistics (math studies); Florence A. Fanning Award; Mark Mueller, of mathematics and statistics (math studies); Daria Parker, of biological sciences; Pamela Rothbaum, of biological sciences; Carissa Stricker, of biological sciences;

Holly Wells, of mathematics and statistics (math studies and actuarial science) (Outstanding Senior Student); Emily Wonnacott, of biological sciences; and Julie Worthen, of biological sciences.

BREESE: Maria Timmermann, of biological sciences.

CAHOKIA: Chad Stroud, of chemistry.

CASEYVILLE: Kelly Kosa, of biological sciences (Ollie Mac Williams Merit Award); Andrew J. Marignoni III, of physics.

COLLINSVILLE: Heather Bartels, of biological sciences; Rachael Bieker, of biological sciences (Outstanding Student in Organic Chemistry); Maria Cooper, of chemistry; Heather Daust, of biological sciences; Karen Denney, of chemistry (Outstanding Junior Chemistry Student from the American Chemical Society—St. Louis Section); Mary Elliott, of biological sciences; Vicki Harvey, of biological sciences (Biology Senior Award); Katherine Khasbury, of biological sciences; Walter Novak, of chemistry (math studies); Jamie Klein, of mathematics and statistics (math studies); Dana Kottmeier, of biology (Ella Ott Weisman Award); Christopher Markovic, of biological sciences; Kristin Oppor, of biological sciences; Shelley Fryer, of biological sciences; Rebecca Purcell, of biological sciences; Erik Taylor, of biological sciences; Shelli Valenti, of mathematics and statistics (math studies and actuarial science).

COLUMBIA: Ryan Kohn, of biological sciences; Richard Orrick, of biological sciences; Matthew Shoemaker, of biological sciences; Mark Ogden, of biological sciences (Biology Science Award).

EDWARDSVILLE: Mark Brodnicki, of biological sciences; John Carter, of biological sciences; Vicki Chis, of biological sciences; Brian Choate, of biological sciences; Rob Harrison, of mathematics and statistics (math studies) (Society of Physics Underclassman Award); David Hanks, of biological sciences; Terry Laurie, of biological sciences; Harrison, of biological sciences; Eric Keith, of mathematics and statistics (math studies and statistics) (math studies and statistics); Abdul Osman, of biological sciences; Dennis Smith, of mathematics and statistics (general science and math education); Ali Soltan-Shahi, of biological sciences; Tomasz Srokowski, of biological sciences; Daniel Wagner, of biological sciences; Amanda Weiss, of biological sciences.

FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS: Elizabeth Anderson, of biological sciences; Jodi Arness, of chemistry (Undergraduate Research Award); Daria Stumpf, of mathematics and statistics (math studies).

FREESBURG: Carrie Kwentus, of biological sciences (Outstanding Senior Chemistry Student); Jason Schleifer, of mathematics and statistics (math studies); Aaron Walker, of biological sciences.

GLENN CARBON: Tenell Kallman, of biological sciences; Shannon

Lewis, of biological sciences; Stephanie Meadows, of biological sciences.

GRANITE CITY: Dabra Dutko, of biological sciences; Michael Gitch, of chemistry; Kathryn Holden, of biological sciences; Jennifer Jakich, of chemistry; Susan Light, of chemistry; Chad Miner, of biological sciences; Chad Mae Williams Merit Award; Gabriel Mitchell, of mathematics and statistics (math studies); Charlene Pearnan, of biological sciences; Karen Robertson, of mathematics and statistics (math studies) (Andrew O. Lindstrom Jr. Memorial Award); Larry Wiegand, of mathematics and statistics (math studies).

O'FALLON: Jamie Franklin, of biological sciences; Rachel Jost, of biological sciences; Rachel Jost, of biological sciences; Noralie Stewart, of biological sciences.

SWANSEA: Stephen Jubinski Jr., of biological sciences; Leonard Walters, of mathematics and statistics (math studies) (Mathematics Student Teaching Award); Andrea Schmidt, of biological sciences.

TRENTON: Theresa Haas, of chemistry; Scott Harpstrite, of chemistry (Ella Ott Weisman Award).

TROY: Leanne Neave, of biological sciences; Sean Marlin, of biological sciences; Tully Parker, of chemistry.

WATERLOO: Traci Bollinger, of biological sciences; Christine Hoffman, of mathematics and statistics (math studies); Piotr Krasucki, of biological sciences.

Graduate students who were honored, and their area of study, are listed here by hometowns and then alphabetically by last name (with specialty in parentheses). Those who won special honors are not listed.

Cop is merely kid next door

By Kimberly Haas
Staff writer

To his neighbors, Gary Lightfoot is just the cop who lives in the neighborhood.

"We started the bike patrol and people were saying, 'You're the cop who lives on the street.' It never crossed their minds to stop and talk to me before (the bike patrol)," Lightfoot said. "They're finding out that cops are people, too. Now, I've become the neighbor who happens to be a cop."

For nearly 20 years, Lightfoot has been patrolling the city's streets as an officer with the Fairview Heights Police Department. He's gone from patrolling by bicycle with the city's Community-Oriented Pedicab Patrol. In June 1997, he moved to the city's detective division for a four-year stint.

For Lightfoot, the step into police work was decided before he graduated from Belleville East High School in 1973.

"By the time I had started high school, I had pretty much decided where I wanted to go," Lightfoot said.

Nowadays, he's more than just a police officer—he's a Pontiac-William Holiday School District 105 Board of Education member, a graduate student in college, a teacher, a talented singer, and, above all, a family man.

No matter how busy, Lightfoot makes sure there is time for his family — his wife, Vicki, and their daughters, Jenna, 13, and Lita, 10.

"Family is the most important thing to me," he said.

This job is also of great importance to him.

"I wanted to give something good back to the community and this was the avenue I chose. It upsets me to see innocent people victimized," Lightfoot said.

Lightfoot, 42, joined the Fairview Heights Police Department in February 1979.

"He's a very intelligent

guy," said Fairview Heights Police Chief Roger Richards. "He uses that to his advantage both on the street and in the detective bureau."

Lightfoot plans to graduate with a master's degree in administration of justice from Lindenwood University at the end of the year.

Lightfoot also spends time in front of the classroom teaching administration of justice classes at Belleville Area College and for the college's Police Academy.

"I really enjoy teaching. I've been teaching through my church's Sunday school for years," Lightfoot said.

While a member of the First Baptist Church, Lightfoot continues to hone his singing skills. A former member of the gospel group, "The Vibra-

tions," Lightfoot has been invited to perform at numerous events, including the state memorial service for fallen officers.

"He's been a tremendous ambassador for law enforcement. Typically, people look at a man or woman in blue and think that's all they do," Richards said.

In November 1997, Lightfoot decided to run for a seat on District 105's school board. He was elected to a four-year term.

"I've got two kids in the school district and I wanted to do my part," Lightfoot said.

Even with the many different hats he wears, Lightfoot said he enjoys it all.

"I don't want to give any of this up," he said.

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Bonneville



Two Bonneville, two personalities

By Tom Strongman

The Bonneville is Pontiac's biggest sedan, and it is available in various guises, from normal to luxurious. Recently, I drove two models, the SE and SSEi, on different occasions in widely varying locales.

What I discovered was this: No matter the level of equipment, both the front-wheel-drive SE and SSEi still acquit themselves well. While this is an aging automobile, Pontiac continues to update it to keep up with others in its segment. The SE starts at \$23,890, while the SSEi is \$29,390. Which model you choose has as much to do with your driving habits and preferences for luxury items as it does your pocketbook.

For 1993, the Bonneville gets a few changes from 1992. The 4T65-E transmission is now standard with the normally aspirated engine; air bags have less power; there are new exterior colors; and the OnStar communication system is available as a dealer-installed option.

OnStar is based on a hands-free cellular telephone and Global Positioning System (GPS) satellite technology to help subscribers receive directions, find hotels and secure roadside assistance. It automatically calls for help in case of an air bag deployment and can be used for medical emergencies, too.

Both the SE and SSEi use the same 3.8-liter, V-6 engine. Power is 205 horsepower for the normally aspirated SE, and 240 horsepower for the SSEi.

What I discovered while on vacation in southern Florida was the supercharged SSEi provides a satisfying combination of power and road-holding for over-the-road travel. It tackled the interstates and the crowded two-lanes

of the Florida Keys with a flourish. For the most part, the supercharged engine feels as robust as a small V-8, most evident when you mash the throttle to dispatch a motor home that is holding up traffic.

Back home, I drove the fuel-injected SE and found in the real world of city commuting it does much the same job for considerably less money. Alas, it lacks the SSEi's flair, but then again, it costs about \$6,000 less.

After several hours behind the wheel, I discovered the value of the SSEi's seats. They have a wide range of adjustment, including multiple segments for the lumbar region and the lateral wings that adjust in and out. If you can't get comfortable in these seats you are certainly the exception. Curiously, the SE's seats were almost as good, just not as easy to tailor to individual body types.

The Bonneville's instrument panel is configured to be like that of a European sedan. Gauges are large, simple and easily read. They glow red at night, like a BMW, and make the cabin look like an airplane cockpit. Both of the cars I drove had radio controls on the steering wheel, which is not only handy but provides a level of safety since you don't have to take your hands from the wheel to change stations or volume.

The fat, leather-wrapped steering wheel con-

trols variable-assist power rack and pinion steering. I would like for the steering to have more on-center feel, but otherwise it was fine.

Leg room in the back is adequate for adults, but not as generous as some of the other cars in this class.

The trunk is quite large and had a cargo net for securing small objects. This idea is so handy that I wonder why all cars don't have them.

From the standpoint of handling, both of these cars were energetic and agile. The SSEi felt tighter and firmer than the SE, but not to the point of being uncomfortable.

Each car rides on low-profile tires on 16-inch wheels, and that aids on-pavement behavior, it bobbed around less at highway speeds.

Now that Pontiac has a new Grand Prix and Grand Am under its belt, attention is sure to shift to the next Bonneville.

Until then, the current car will continue to offer two levels of motoring enjoyment: The SE is best for all-around driving, while the SSEi is positioned as a luxury-car alternative that loves highway travel.

Our SSEi had a base price of \$29,390. Including the supercharged engine, at \$1,170, power sun roof and articulating seats, its sticker price was \$32,390.

The SE started at \$23,890, and its options of power sun roof and the SLE package of dual exhausts, fog lights and special-edition exterior brought its sticker price to \$26,190.

The basic warranty is for three years or 36,000 miles.

Point: The Bonneville is now one of Pontiac's older vehicles, but it continues to thrive because it offers a well-appointed interior, agile handling and sporty looks. For the ultimate Bonneville, choose the supercharged SSEi.

Counterpoint: The SSEi's \$32,000-plus price puts it in competition with several mid-luxury makes that are quieter, smoother and more refined.



POINTS & PLUGS

By Rick Stoff

Foreign companies building cars in the United States generate 3 million jobs, according to a study financed by those companies. The study also says the domestic content of the foreign cars built here is increasing.

The study, put together by researchers at the University of Michigan, states that 69,000 Americans are directly employed in the transplant factories here while 394,000 work at dealerships selling foreign cars.

Another 870,000 Americans "have jobs that are associated with the presence of international automakers in the U.S.," according to the study. These jobs are directly related to auto manufacturing or supported by the employees of the auto plants.

The study authors say these transplanted auto companies contribute \$50 billion in wages, salaries and benefits to the U.S. economy.

The domestic content of foreign cars built in U.S. plants has reached 69.3 percent, the study says. The domestic content of domestic cars built in the U.S. is 77.6 percent.

American car companies have transplant operations, too. Chrysler recently built its 250,000th Voyager minivan in Austria. Minivans built there are sold in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Japan and Australia. The plant has built minivans since 1991.

Car and truck production in North America ran behind 1997 levels through the first quarter of 1998. Total production in the U.S. was a few hundred vehicles short of 3 million, down about 2 percent from last year. Production was down more than 3 percent in Canada and more than 4 percent in Mexico.

Total production in North America was just more than 3.9 million vehicles for the three-month period, lagging nearly 3 percent behind 1997 figures.

Automobile dealerships in the U.S. totaled 22,351 at the start of the year, down 76 from 1997, reports the trade publication Automotive News. Dealerships selling Ford, Chrysler and General Motors products actually fell by nearly 300 locations, with General Motors cutting 203 dealerships from its ranks.

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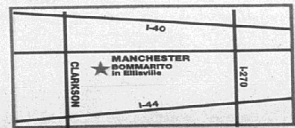
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FISHIN' FOR FUN READER CONTEST

**TWO WINNERS EACH RECEIVE A \$50
CANDICCI'S RESTAURANT GIFT CERTIFICATE!**

In celebration of
INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFIED
ADVERTISING WEEK beginning
Sunday, April 26, 1998 and ending
Saturday May 2, 1998, there will be
two small classified ads printed
Sunday & Wednesday and hidden
somewhere in the classified
section. These ads are clues to
items used when you go fishing.
All you need to do is figure out the
answer to the clue and write it in
the corresponding box on the entry
form shown below and mail or
deliver it to the specified address.



Entries must be received by
Wednesday, May 6, 1998 at 5:00
p.m. to be eligible for the
drawing. Two winners will be
drawn from all correct entries
and will be notified by phone by
Friday, May 8, 1998. Each
winner receives a \$50 Gift
Certificate from Candicci's
Restaurant.
If you place a classified ad this
week, be sure to mention Fishin'
For Fun. Your Sales Rep will
automatically enter you in this
promotion! Call 966-FAST.

ADVERTISER'S SPECIALS

Place an ad Monday -
Friday of this week and
mention "Fishin' For Fun"
and find out what you
qualify for!

CONTEST RULES:

1. No purchase necessary.
 2. You must be at least 18 years of age to win.
 3. Cut out and return the completed entry form.
 4. Originals only - no reproductions allowed.
 5. Deadline for entries: 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 6, 1998.
 6. Employees of the Suburban Journals and their families are ineligible.
- Decisions of the judges are final.

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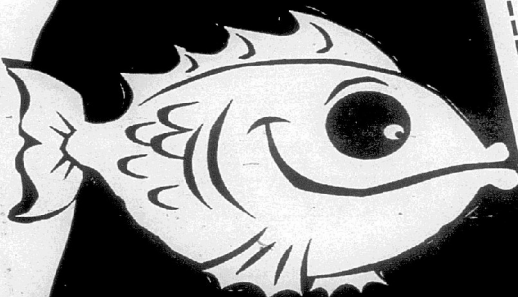
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1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, MO 63131

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CENTRAL HCO IMPROVEMENTS complete home remodeling, kitchen, bathroom, concrete, decks, garages, painting, roofing, siding, etc. Quality workmanship. 20 years experience, reasonable prices. Call 624-0060.

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Brush, shrubs removed
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Wallpaper Hanging \$1.00
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Clerk of the Circuit Court
Madison County Courthouse
Edwardsville, Illinois

**NOTICE
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COURT - IN PROBATE**

**ESTATE OF THE CORNELIUS ELIAS
Jr. DECEASED**

98 P.150

62234 GARAGE/M
SALE, TV, SEWING
Crockpots, kids' d
Home interior, jewelry
Crockpots, kids' d
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on Saturday 10:00
Take S. Morrison to W
to 113 Shadow Crossin
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Fri. May 29, 9:00am
dishes, craft box
singer sewing machi
cabinet, music

62324 YARD SALE, Ma
2nd Hollywood Height
Close to Fire road
Small boxes bicycle
quadrant, 1000000000
springs, wood kitchen
chairs. Small box
clearing chairs, glass
mugs

62040 3220 Wayne, M
9am-4pm, clothing, m

September 19, 1998
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502 South Walnut, Cr
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all items, 3pm
Center St.

**1720 MISSOURI
GARAGE SALE**

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PLACE YOUR
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Classified Dates
Monday - Thurs

LEGAL NOTICE

Estate of BETTY JEAN DICKERSON
were issued on March 23, 1990 to
attorney, GEORGE J. P. 1329
of Chicago, Illinois, 60640

any person may be filed in the office of the
County Clerk, Edwardsville,
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months of the date of the
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PAPA, JAMES
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1730 AUCTIONS
(FLEA MKT)

Dale Churney
1044 19th St.
Granite City, IL
618-451-8111

Friday May 1, 6:00
I'll change my mind
Saturday Auction to
1st & 3rd Friday
Hence In Friday

COURT THIRD JUDICIAL
ON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

STATE OF
DECEASED } No. 97 P 794

HIRS AND LEGATES

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of unknown heirs and legatees
the will or address is not stated in the
of the will, and the address of the probate
and appointing William G. Papa,
rman Illinois.

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with the court to require proof
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WARDVILLE & WOUNDING AREAS

NEW CONSTRUCTION

NEW CONSTRUCTION on 2 lots, 3 bdrms, great room with fireplace, end city water, Edwardsburg, located in Country Side. Call Rick Anderson 692-1575 or 41-9752 x 139,300.

Premium built 2 story on a walkout lot in Honda's certified neighborhood, very security system, use of hardwood flooring, over 3000 sq ft of quality living space. Call Rick Anderson at 341-9752. **\$245,850.**

3 bdrms, Call Rick Anderson 692-1575 or 41-9752 x 139,300.

BE THE FIRST in line for this new construction, 3 bedrooms, 2 full bath windows in dining room, large master room and a 12x13 patio. A 2 car built by Carington Homes. Call Rick Anderson 692-1575 or 24-2432. **\$99,900.**

3 bedrooms, 3 bath homes in a new 2 story with open breakfast room and a 12x13 patio. A 2 car built by Carington Homes. Call Rick Anderson 692-1575 or 24-2432. **\$99,900.**

Maintenance free all brick built by a top quality builder. Beautiful patio, large detached garage with 2 cars. Call Rick Anderson 692-1575 or 24-2432. **\$99,900.**

4 story, 1.5 bath near Wilson Knolly. Nice home, roomy kitchen, formal living room, dining room. Great backyard for the gardeners. Call Rick Anderson 692-1575 or 24-2432. **\$99,900.**

4 BEDROOMS 2 bath ranch updates galore. Completely remodeled kitchen, new carpeting and vinyl. Master suite with walk-in closet. Newer lawns and shrubs. Call Rick Anderson 692-1575 or 24-2432. **\$99,900.**

TROY, \$124,000
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38 NORTHWOODS
HIGH RANCH \$194,900
REDUCED GORGEOUS RAMBLING RANCH on wooded lot. Series 2000 home, 3.5 BR's, main floor laundry, formal DR, french doors off satin kitchen, vaulted ceiling. Too many amenities to list. Call MONTI MONTE 666-5670 for appt. to view this exceptional home. DIRECTIONS: 40 to Hill Rd., north to Northwood Trails.

TON OF WORK to year old brick home, large LR, good closet space. **Call \$57,900. #2580.**
ANDY ROBINSON 341-3388

2 STORY W/OVER 2500 SQ. FT. Finished basmt., large kitchen, formal DR, FR, jacuzzi tub, walk-in closet, large covered deck. **\$126,900 #5303. MARY PORTER 345-8138 or 341-2527.**

START OUT HERE! 1 1/2 story w/2BR's on beautiful corner lot, nice deck off kitchen. **\$44,900 #MR5502. ROZANNE HUNTER 667-3666.**

family room w/ fireplace walkout, master BR includes walk-in closet. **Call \$57,900. #2580.**
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GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD! 3 w/3 BR's, 2 bath, large kitchen, master BR includes walk-in closet. **Call \$57,900. #2580.**
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LARGE 2 STORY FEATURING BR's & OVERSIZED GARAGE. Excellent access to interstate. **Call \$162,900. #T5513.**
ALONE 667-3981 or 345-7188.

GORGEOUS ATRILUM RANCH on 1/2 acre lot. Includes 3-car garage and finished LR. **\$244,900. #C5341.**
JAN OR TERRY 286-1544.

PLANT YOUR GARDEN IN BACKYARD OR RELAX ON THE PORCH THIS SPRING! 1 1/2 story, 3 bedrooms, 2 full bath, large eat-in kitchen, large lot. **Call \$61,900. #C245.**
JAN OR TERRY 286-1544.

OPEN 12-2 PM

25 SEQUOIA
TROY, \$199,500
WOODED 1 ACRE WALKOUT LOT! 4000 sq. ft. of living space, 5 BR's, 3 full baths, 2 FPs, wet bar, huge great room & family room. Walk builders personal home. Call for more info. ext. **CHARLIE PALMA 451-9588 or 783-1535.** DIRECTIONS: 162 to Hickory, left on Old Country Hwy. 21, left on Sequoia.

YESTERYEARS CHARM WITH ALL NEW UPDATES. Too much to list. Must see for those who appreciate homes with character. **\$54,500. #C5443.** Jan or Terry 286-1544.

EXCLUSIVE HOME IN SECLUDED SETTING! Priced to sell. Walkout w/finished LL. Complete wireless & beautifully landscaped grounds. **\$179,900. #C5440.**
ELISABETH JENKINS 654-1519 or 324-2964.

QUALITY BUILT TRILEVEL on wooded lot! Oversized garage, security system, home theater. **\$129,900. #C5274.** Jan or Terry 286-1544.

REDUCED BAMB NEW 4 BR 2 story in Great Oak Hillwood neighborhood. **\$139,900. #C4929.**
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2 BR DUPLEX with good room off garage. Leased income. Excellent location. **Call \$124,900. #T5424.**
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TOWNHOUSE IN EXCELLENT CONDITION! Includes fireplace, updates. **Call \$124,900. #T5424.**
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CUTE HOME! Walkout w/ 2 car det. garage. Large lot. **\$29,900. #C5370.** Jan or Terry 286-1544.

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NEWS

ASE helps consumers find competent automotive technicians

The task of finding a competent auto technician is becoming a bit easier, thanks to the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence, a non-profit group that tests and certifies the technical competence of individual automotive technicians.

With more than 350,000 currently certified technicians on its rosters, ASE is the only automotive certification group that is both national in scope and industry-wide. ASE-certified technicians can be found at every type of repair facility, from dealerships to independent garages. ASE spells good news for consumers.

Prior to taking ASE certification tests, many technicians attend training classes or study after work in order to brush up on their knowledge.

By passing difficult, national tests, ASE-certified technicians prove their technical competency to themselves, to their employers and to their customers.

ASE certifies only the technical competence of individual technicians, not the shop, its business practices, or the ethics of management and employees. But it stands to reason that shop owners who encourage their mechanics to become certified technicians will be concerned about the other aspects of their business. Likewise, because ASE's program is voluntary, technicians who have gone to the effort to earn ASE certification can be counted on to have a strong sense of pride in accomplishment.

How does ASE certification work? More than 100,000 technicians take

ASE certification tests each May and November at more than 600 national locations. Technicians who pass at least one exam in their specialty and fulfill the two-year work experience requirement become ASE-certified; those who pass a battery of exams earn Master Technician status.

There are more than two dozen specialty exams covering all major areas of repair. There are eight tests for automobile technicians alone: engine repair, engine performance, electrical/electronic systems, brakes, heating and air conditioning, suspension and steering, manual drive train and axles, and automatic transmissions. There are also exams for collision repair/refinish technicians, engine machinists, parts specialists and medium/heavy truck technicians. Certification is not for life. ASE

requires its technicians to recertify every five years to keep up with technology. All ASE credentials have expiration dates.

How to find ASE-certified technicians: Repair establishments with at least one ASE-certified technician are permitted to display the ASE sign and otherwise publicize their certified employee(s). Each ASE technician is issued personalized credentials listing his/her exact area(s) of certification and an appropriate shoulder insignia. Technicians are also issued wall-sized certificates that their employers often post in the customer-service area.

Choosing an ASE-certified technician: As is the case with doctors, automotive technicians often specialize.

Because ASE offers certification in all major technical areas of auto repair and service, it's wise to ask the shop owner or service manager if ASE certified is a technician who is specifically for the appropriate area, say, brakes, engine repair or air conditioning.

In short, the ASE program offers consumers objective information about the technical competency of individual technicians that they can use in their search for satisfactory automotive repair and service.

For free information about how to select a repair shop, send a business-sized, self-addressed stamped envelope to: ASE Glove Box Brochure, Dept. CCC-S95, P.O. Box 347, Herndon, Va. 22070.

Care must be taken when washing

Whether you own a new vehicle or a not-so new vehicle, you want the finish to maintain a high quality look. Here are some simple tips to follow to help ensure your finish will look its best.

- Wash off dirt prior to washing a car. Any dirt that is rubbed into the surface can cause scratches.
- Wash your car in the shade using cool water and a mild detergent.
- Rinse off as much soil as possible before washing. Allow water to sheet off the car by taking the nozzle off the hose when rinsing.

- Clean the tires first, then the wheels. Cleaning the wheels is important since the brake dust and road salt can cause irreversible corrosion.
- Wash in straight lines, not circles, and use overlapping strokes to make less standing water for you to dry off.
- Wipe it with a damp or wet cloth, not dry.
- Avoid parking under trees which may drop sap.
- On newer model cars, do not attempt to "polish" light scratches. Most new vehicles have a clear coat finish that can be damaged if you do not use the proper method.

- Never wax a car in direct sunlight. If your car's metal temperature is too hot, the chemicals in the wax can prematurely damage your car's finish.
- Get a complete detail once a year.

- When washing your vehicle by hand, take the time to run your wash mitt along the inside bottom edge of the doors, lift gate, hood and trunk. These areas trap dirt and moisture causing premature rusting.
- Avoid brush style car washes as they can cause dirt to scratch the car's surface.

- High-powered sprays in car washes often blast grit into the car's finish, eventually wearing down paint. Use the lowest possible setting when using the "do-it-yourself" car washes.
- Don't place grocery bags, luggage or other objects on the top or trunk to avoid scratching the finish.

These tips were provided by Kurt Mueller, owner of Kurt's CARSTAR Collision Center. These tips and others may be found on CARSTAR's web site at www.carstar.com.

AUTO FACTS

CHECK BRAKES & SAVE \$

AUTO TECHNICIANS SAY MOTORISTS DELAY BRAKE WORK TOO LONG. EXCESSIVE WEAR CAN RUN MOTORS AND DRUMS, DOUBLE COST OF REPAIR.

FOR SAFE DRIVING, CHECK BRAKES TWICE A YEAR. LOOK FOR WORN LININGS ON PADS AND SHOES. FLUID LEAKS, DRY OR WORN WHEEL BEARINGS.

Love affair with cars passes 100-year mark

America has now passed the 100th anniversary of the automobile, commemorating more than a century-long love affair between owners and their cars.

Once a luxury for the elite, the motor vehicle now is a basic necessity that is totally integrated into our lifestyles. Today, there are more registered motor vehicles than

licensed drivers. The average American household owns 1.7 vehicles and spends more than 17 percent of its budget on transportation.

A major player in the evolution of the automobile, often taken for granted, is the person who fixes it. After all, the same holds true today as it did (See AFFAIR, Page 7D)

ABOUT YOUR CAR'S COOLING SYSTEM

FACT: YOUR CAR'S ENGINE PRODUCES ENOUGH HEAT TO KEEP A SIX ROOM HOUSE WARM AT 0°F.

FACT: THE MOST COMMON CAUSE OF MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN ON THE ROAD IS COOLING SYSTEM FAILURE.

FACT: INSIDE THE COMBUSTION CHAMBER OF YOUR CAR TEMPERATURES CAN REACH 4,500°F.

FACT: 45% OF CARS CHECKED BY TECHNICIANS OF OHIO (AAA) WERE LOW ON ANTIFREEZE/COOLANT.

Vehicle lights are important to consider

How often have you had to brake suddenly with another driver right on your tail? Your eyes dart to the rearview mirror, hoping he'll see your brake lights in time.

But what if your brake lights aren't working properly? There's better than a 50/50 chance they're NOT, according to figures from a survey by American Automobile Club of Cleveland, Ohio.

They found 55 percent of vehicles checked had brake lights that needed some kind of repairs. This was by far the most prevalent mechanical discrepancy found during a Car Care Clinic.

Bob Knop, manager of the Club's Approved Auto Repair Department, which conducts the clinics, says most problems were found with the third brake light, generally because of a burned out bulb.

Our subconscious response to lighting

"We've grown to depend on lighting to signal our intentions," says Jack Oliver, manager for the G.E. Automotive Lighting Division. "We respond almost subconsciously to telltale motorists' turn signals, brake lights or emergency flashers. It's a form of communication as vital to driving as road signs and center land marking."

When they're missing we're unaware of the danger ahead."

Another common lighting problem, according to Oliver, is found on vehicles with four light systems with separate units for high and low beams. Because the high beam lamps are replaced less often the lens is subjected to years of abuse from pebbles and other road debris. Eventually hair-line cracks develop and moisture works its way inside, corroding the reflector. The unit may appear to be working OK but it is not putting out as much light as it should.

Lights on for safety

"Some day it may be wide spread practice in the U.S., as it is in Canada and Sweden, that the headlights be turned on whenever the car is driven."

It's a proven safety measure and already is the law in the U.S. on two-wheeled vehicles where lights automatically turn on with the ignition switch. Obviously, they are more visible to other drivers," says Oliver.

"An Avis traveler safety study showed vehicles with daytime running lights (DRL) had a better accident record than vehicles not so equipped."

But lights are worthless if they are not working. Oliver emphasizes, All exterior lights should be checked periodically, not only for burned out bulbs and flashers but also for poor illumination of headlamps due to damaged reflectors.

The best way to check your system is to have one person turn on the lights, the emergency flashers and turn signals

and apply the brakes while someone else walks around the vehicle to see that everything is working.

It's also a good habit during every gas fill-up to check for dirt (and ice) on all lenses, front and rear. To help maintain cleanliness you can apply a glass treatment such as RAIN-X to help repel rain, sleet, and snow.

(See LIGHTS, Page 7D)

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As cars continue to age, need for maintenance grows

Remember when we thought about trading the old car in when it got to be about 6 years old? That's what people did in the mid-1970's. New car fever has calmed down considerably as new car prices soar, with an average new car sale, including tax, now beyond \$20,000, average car age now is 8.3 years.

A new Ford in 1934 cost \$785 complete with heater and bumper guards. That's the car, incidentally, driven by Bonnie and Clyde when they made their getaway from Topeka. They drove it 7,500 miles in 23 days before their fatal ambush in Louisiana.

Whether or not you plan to run it forever, as some people vow they'll do, or keep the car

just a little longer, taking care of needed maintenance is a must. Generally, your most economical transportation is the vehicle you already own. So fixing it up makes good economic sense.

It certainly pays in terms of safety and driving efficiency, emphasizes the Car Care Council, which advocates investing in needed maintenance a few thousand miles too soon rather than too late. Why jeopardize the safety of performance of your car by delaying needed repairs until the 11th hour when you know you'll inevitably be spending that money anyway.

Delaying brake work, for example, not only is dangerous, it can be very costly due

to excessive wear of rotors and/or drums. A neglected engine is inefficient and vulnerable to rapid wear. Driving with worn shocks or struts affects both comfort and safety.

Spending money on car care may not be as exciting as anew appliance, but it does protect the second biggest investment most families make.

There's more food for thought in the Council's brochure "Renew vs. Replace?" which offers an analytical look at the issue. For a free copy send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Car Care Council, Dept. R, One Grande Lake Drive, Preet Clinton, OH 43452.

Suspension noise may be caused by strut mounts

While driving around town, you notice your front-wheel drive passenger car is steering rougher and sharp popping, squeaking or rubbing sounds can be heard after making a turn. The vehicle also may want to pull in the direction it was last steered.

If any of these symptoms sound familiar, the cause may be tied to one or both of the vehicles' strut mount assemblies, said Al Lynch, manager of technical services for Moog Automotive.

"Ninety percent of passenger car production in the last five years features strut mount assemblies," he said. "The upper strut mount replaces the upper control arm and upper ball joint used on traditional steering and suspension systems as the upper connection to the vehicle body."

Strut mounts are hard-work-

ing components, capable of supporting vehicle weight. Each assembly usually consists of a rubber core that dampens noise and vibration, and a bearing that allows the front wheels and strut assembly to turn while supporting weight.

Strut mounts, like any rubber suspension component, may become worn over time and can affect the suspension system's geometry," Lynch said. "Whenever load-carrying bearings become worn, they can cause the steering to bind. The binding condition is commonly referred to as 'memory steer' because the vehicle pulls in the last direction it was turned."

Heavier vehicles are especially prone to strut mount wear. "As a general rule, a car with a V-6 engine is more likely to show up with the

symptoms described above than a lighter vehicle due to its added weight," Lynch said. "Any passenger car with more than 40,000 miles — regardless of its size — is a possible candidate for strut mount replacement."

What to look for: — Next, bounce the vehicle requires using your head, as well as eyes, ears and hands. First, secure the hood in the open position and locate the strut mount assembly, which is usually bolted to the fender.

Next, bounce the vehicle and observe the mount. Listen for unusual noises and look for looseness. (It is normal for the strut rod to move a small amount as the mount deflects). On some strut mount assemblies it is possible to feel vibration as the loose components move inside their housing.

A GUIDE TO FILTER MAINTENANCE

Filter	Function	Recommended Replacement
Oil	Protects quality of engine lubricating oil by trapping and holding contaminants from both external sources (environmental) and internal sources (result of internal combustion).	Every 3,000 to 4,000 miles with every oil change.
Air	Helps assure clean air flow into carburetor or fuel injection system by trapping and holding dirt, insects, vegetable matter, soot and moisture.	Every 10,000 to 15,000 miles and with every tune-up.
Fuel	Removes contaminants from gasoline and diesel fuel both at the tank and in the engine compartment.	Engine compartment filter, every 10,000 to 15,000 miles and every tune-up. Tank filter not normally serviced.
Transmission	Keeps automatic transmission fluid clean, which is crucial for energy transfer, cooling, lubrication and extended life.	Fluid and filter should be changed every 12 months or 12,000 to 15,000 miles.
PCV	Assures efficient functioning of positive crankcase ventilation system. Prevents harmful elements from entering engine.	Check at every oil change. Replace every 10,000 to 15,000 miles.

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Recommended replacement intervals are guidelines only. Consult owner's manual for your vehicle and driving conditions.

Affair

(Continued from Page 6D) 100 years ago: if an automobile is properly cared for by its owner, it will provide a level of personal freedom, mobility, enjoyment and convenience like no other mode of transportation.

Fixing a problem on your automobile quickly and correctly the first time has always been and always will be a positive factor in the total auto ownership experience.

Enter the repair technician, once referred to as a mechanic, the marriage counselor of sorts, who keeps the romance alive between the owner and machine through periodic service, maintenance and repair.

In the old days if a mechanic could fix one car, he could fix them all. Today, there are more than 22,500 light vehicle variations in make, model, style and engine. Onboard electronic control modules reg-

ulate engines, suspension, anti-lock brake systems, air bags, transmissions and a host of other features.

In the future, computer-controlled systems will expand to include such things as variable pitch spoiler and ground effects panels, on-board navigational systems, infrared windshields for better night and bad weather vision and smart seats that adjust to voice commands.

The demand for higher levels of consumer satisfaction combined with federal regula-

tions, have created the need for a new approach to service and repair. Therefore, the demand for talented and motivated young people to join the ranks of automotive service and repair is a necessity to keep America's love affair with the automobile alive and well.

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Lights

(Continued from Page 6D) Proper headlight aim is important. At one time or another, most of us have been blinded by the glare of oncoming headlights.

You flash your high beams to signal the oncoming driver to dim his lights. He responds by turning on his high beams, indicating it was low beams that had been blinding you. They were aimed too high.

Are you sure your headlights are not blinding others? Here, from G.E., is the recommended way to check headlight aim.

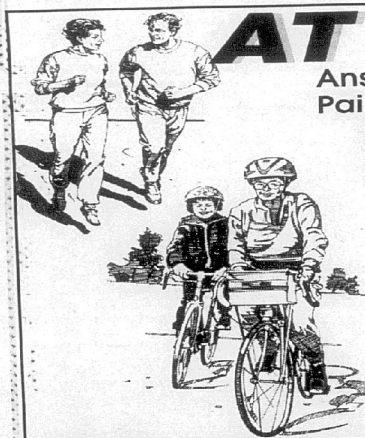
1) Put your car on a 35-40 foot stretch of flat or evenly sloped pavement such as a driveway facing a wall or garage door.
2) Shine your low beams on the door from 2 to 3 feet away and outline the bright spots on the door with a pencil or tape.
3) Back the car to about 25 feet from the door. The top of the low beams should shine no higher than the top of the marks on the door or lower than the center of the marked circle. If your vehicle has four headlights, the center of the high beam (the inner or lower tow lights) should align with the top of the low-beam marks. If you have only two headlights, the high beams are automatically aimed when you aim the low beams.

For most accurate aiming take your vehicle to a professional. If, on the other hand, you're a "do-it-yourselfer", follow these instructions from G.E.

Remove the outer trim for access to the adjustment screws. To raise the beam, turn the top adjustment screw clockwise, counter clockwise to lower the beam. Turn the side adjustment screw clockwise to move the beam to the right and counter clockwise to move it to the left.

Bring each beam into its final position by turning the adjusting screws clockwise so the headlamp will be held against its tension springs when the operation is completed.

If your lights continue to be out of adjustment, consult a service technician.



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